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Grayling Cooperative Preschool celebrates 40 years

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Cooperative Preschool is marking its 40th anniversary this weekend, inviting current and former students to come and view the toys of the big boys.

The preschool is holding a Truck Fair from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, at the Hanson Hills Recreation area.

The Truck Fair will feature equipment used by the Crawford County Road Commission, Jack Millikin, Inc., Tompkins Excavating and a couple of monster trucks. Fire trucks from the Grayling City/Township Fire Department, South Branch Fire Department, Frederic Fire Department and Camp Grayling Fire Department will be at the event. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office will have a patrol vehicle and its marine patrol boat at the event. Kids and their parents will also be able to view military equipment from Camp Grayling. "The Gauntlet, an inflatable obstacle course used by the National Guard, will also be at the Truck Fair. McGruff the Crime Dog is making an appearance at the Truck Fair, and the event will also include face painting, games and a silent auction. Admission is \$3 per person.

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Photo courtesy of Nicole Persing

The Grayling Cooperative Preschool is marking its 40th anniversary this weekend with a Truck Fair that will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, at the Hanson Hills Recreation area. Above, Grayling Cooperative Preschool students Jenna Haring, Hannah Owens, Olivia Owens and Brianna Duncel take part in a summer party recently held at the school.

Theme park developers say wildfire delayed financing

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Developers, for the \$161 million theme park planned south of Grayling, said the wildfire that damaged some of the property where the project is proposed to be located has caused delays in finalizing financing.

Developers and Grayling area officials hoped that the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) would consider the sale of 1,800 acres of land for the theme park on its Thursday, May 8, agenda.

Patrick Crosson, a project manager for Axiom Entertainment, has proposed to build the \$161 million Mainstreet America, Inc., theme park on 1,800 acres of land located east of I-75 and north of Four Mile Road.

The wildfire, which started in an area east of I-75, north of the Four Mile Road rest area, on April 24, destroyed 1,345 acres of land, and has delayed the property purchase request, developers claim.

Developers and representatives from the Remington Financial Group, a Philadelphia

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Grayling Recreation Authority rolls forward with new recreation plan

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling Recreation Authority officials kicked off the process to update Crawford County's recreation plan last week.

The Grayling Recreation Authority gathered representatives from the City of Grayling, the six townships in Crawford County and other recreation groups to begin its process to update the recreation plan.

A recreation plan is required in order to apply for grants through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for funding.

The last county recreation plan was written in 1997, by former Crawford County Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill. The plan was amended in 1999.

Chris Jones, the chairman of the Grayling Recreation Authority Board of Directors, said the plan is required to be updated every five years.

A public input meeting for the recreation plan will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, in the Grayling High School cafeteria.

Representatives from city, township and recreation groups will have tables and displays of their current and future recreational initiatives on hand for the public to view as they gather their input.

Recreation stakeholders who are involved with the plan update include 4-H, Grayling Little League, the Grayling Fish Hatchery, Grayling Redskins, the Crawford County Historical Society, Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association, Boy Scout/Cub Scout, Crawford AuSable Soccer Association, AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, the Non-Motorized Trail Committee and Wellington Farm, USA.

Representatives representing archery, canoeing, trout fishing, cross county skiing and lodging are also involved in the planning process.

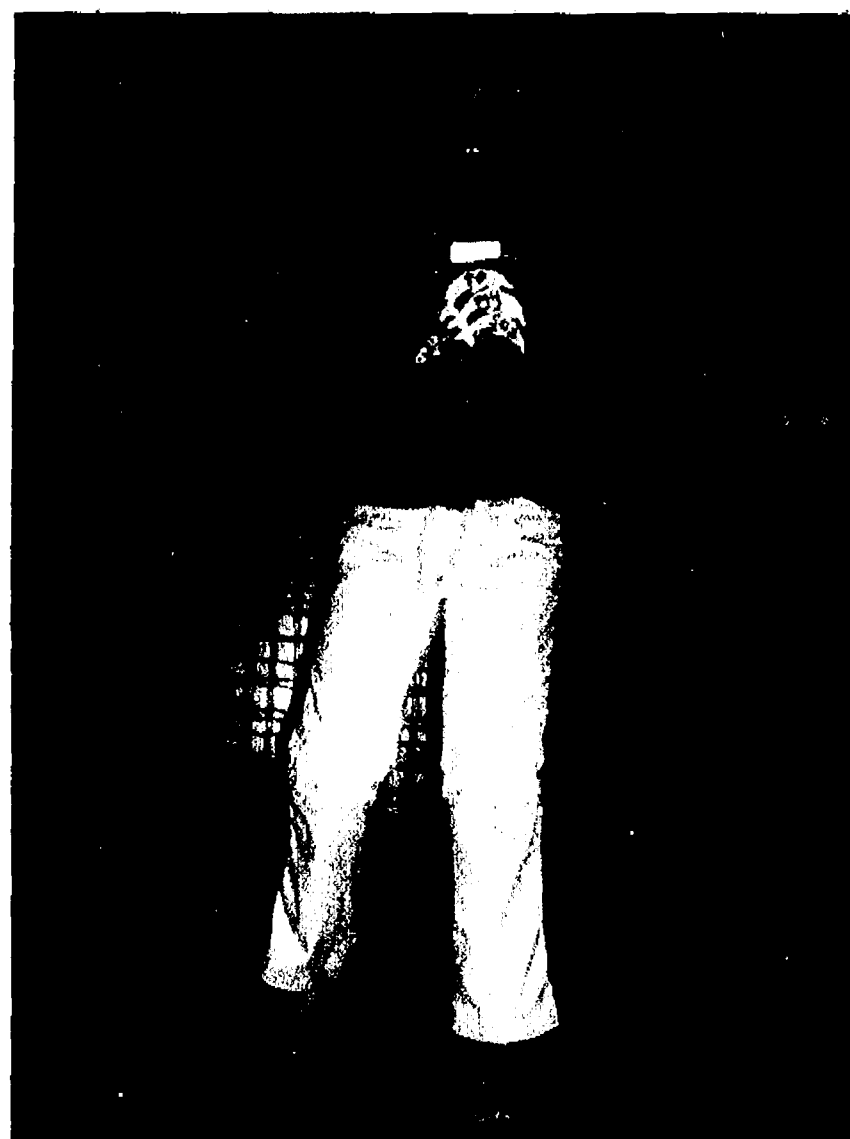
A survey is also being distributed to county residents. The survey seeks to obtain information regarding the recreational interests of county residents and their families and what recreational facilities they use.

The survey also seeks input on improvements that need to be made to recreational facilities in the county, as well as new and expanded recreational facilities people would like to see.

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Students celebrate Kids Night Out



Photos by Dan Sanderson

About 170 youngsters took advantage of the Kids Night Out held at the Grayling High School on Friday. Students took part in games, watched movies and had snacks. The event was a fund-raiser for the Class of 2011 and will help fund class activities over the next four years. Above right, Haley Kocefas, age 8, an AuSable Primary School second grader, takes flight in the moon bounce that was set up in the high school gym. Above left, Kevin Bednar, age 5, an AuSable Primary School kindergartner, crawls through a colorful tunnel in the school cafeteria.

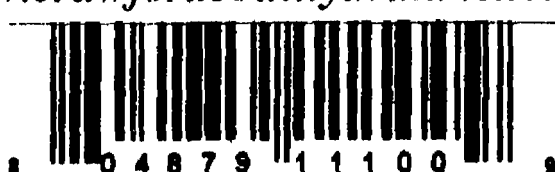
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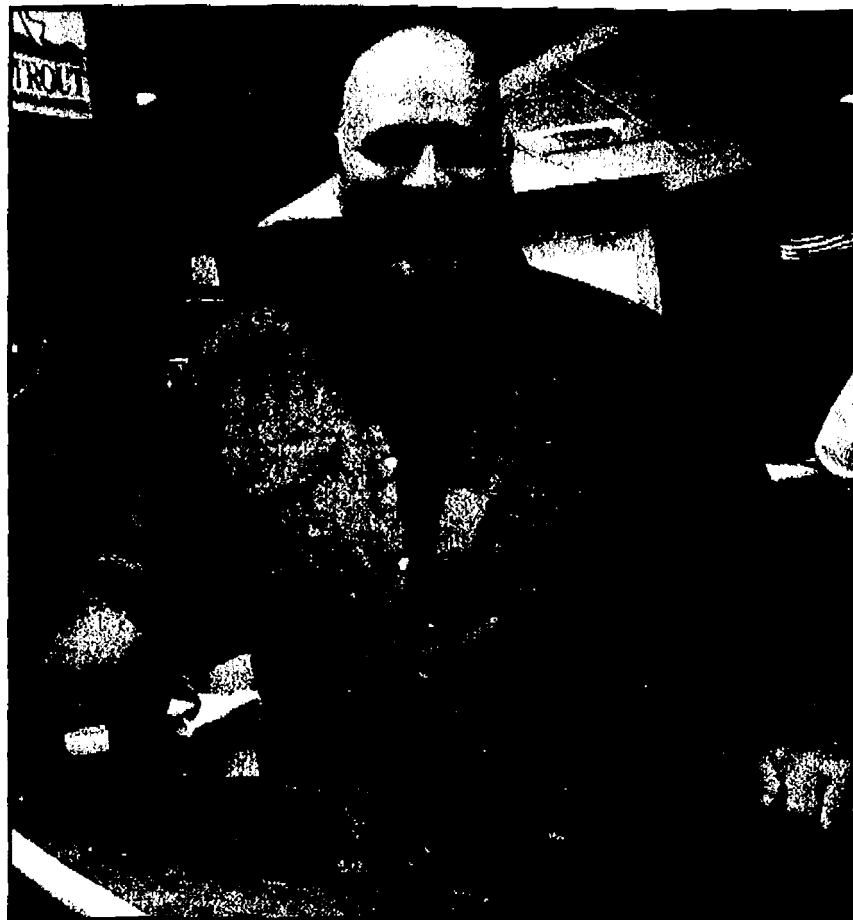
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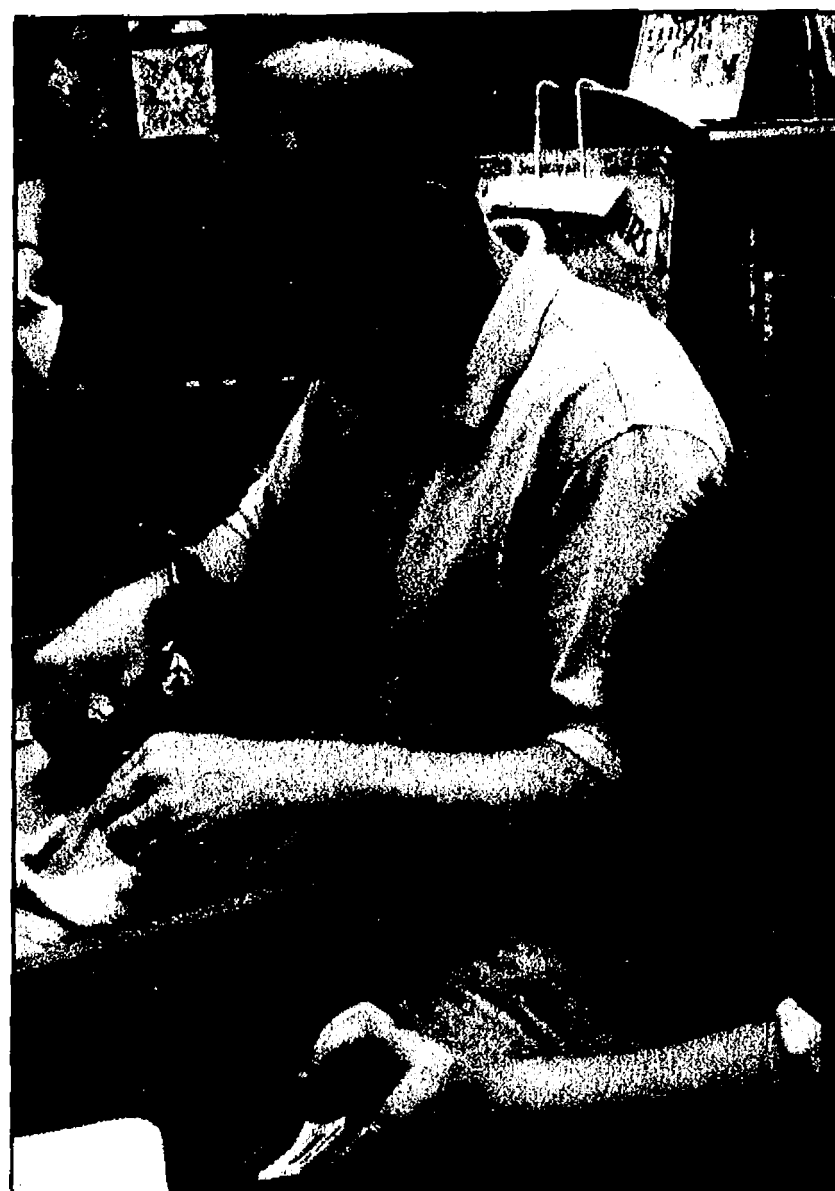
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Library marks opening of trout season



About 100 people attended the Crawford County Library System's third annual Fly Fishing Opener Gala, at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, and marked the opening day of trout season. The Fly Fishing Opener Gala is one of many events that are being held to promote the library's international Shetland Island Sisterhood. Scotland native and Grayling resident Eric Sharp, an outdoor writer for the *Detroit Free Press* and author of several books on outdoor issues, was the featured speaker at the gala. Above, Mark Hendricks, president of the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited, stands next to a river boat made by Bill Lowes, featuring art work done by his wife Cheryl Lowes, that the organization is raffling off for a fund-raiser. Above right, Cheryl Lowes and Laura Purtill, president of the Friends of the Crawford County Library, are pictured by a buffet of Scottish foods served at the event. The Friends of the Crawford County Library prepared food and sponsored the gala. Below right, Joe Smock, son of the late Bob Smock Sr. a renowned Grayling fly-tier, ties flies at the event.



Fish hatchery committee sponsors writing contest

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School District students have been sharpening their creative writing skills to help the Grayling Fish Hatchery celebrate its partnership with the community.

The Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee is marking the opening of the season of the fish hatchery with a writing contest called "A Whopper of a Fish Tale."

The writing contest was opened up to every grade level at Crawford AuSable Schools. Students were encouraged to write a one-page fish tale, hopefully so creative that their story will outshine the logging tale of Paul Bunyan.

"We just want to have the best laugh ever," said Kim Bolen, a member of the Grayling Fish Hatchery Committee.

The winners of the contest will be announced during opening

weekend at the Grayling Fish Hatchery. The hatchery opens on Friday, May 23, for the Memorial Day weekend.

Winners of the contest will receive U.S. savings bonds, various fish related items, a spot in the River Festival parade and, naturally, Whoppers from the Grayling Burger King, which has agreed to be a partner for the contest.

Barb Mick, the AuSable Primary School principal who serves as chairwoman of the school district's language arts committee, worked with the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee to organize the contest.

"We're thrilled to have the support of the schools, and the contest has been well embraced," Bolen said.

The writing contest is just one of the initiatives for the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee to raise awareness of what is taking place with the landmark community destination, and to promote more community involvement with the fish hatchery.

"We have a lot of support at the fish hatchery, and we want to give back to the community and celebrate those partnerships," Bolen said.

In June, the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee is sponsoring a week-long fishing contest, at the kid's fishing pond on the hatchery grounds, called "Reel It In."

"The pond is open to the kids all season, but this is just a

bonus," Bolen said.

During the AuSable River Festival in July, the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee will have a booth. Fish hatchery memorabilia will be sold, and Mike Dilonzo, the Michigan author who wrote the "Adventures With Jonny, Let's Go Fishing" books, will be on hand at the booth for a book signing.

In addition, the Grayling Fish Hatchery Committee will be selling more apparel and fish related items at its store on the hatchery grounds. The books, "Adventures With Jonny Let's Go Fishing" and "Alligators of the AuSable," which was written by Grayling High School graduate Jonathan Rand, will also be sold at the store.

The goal is to raise more money for the fish hatchery building restoration efforts.

In 2009, the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee plans to do more programming and will host guest speakers at the hatchery for the community to enjoy.

"We're not here just for the tourists," Bolen said.

Last month, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) awarded a \$26,000 Rural Enterprises grant to Crawford County to focus on improving the interior of the fish hatchery building.

The grant will be used to remove the paneling, insulation, wiring and utilities from the building's interior, some of which has been vandalized over

the years since the building was closed.

A \$13,000 local match will be required for the project.

Last year, the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee received a \$20,000 grant to remove asbestos from the building, so that is not a health hazard.

Funds left over from that grant will be used to replace a foot bridge on the fish hatchery grounds. An entrance where the building comes together will also be repaired and reconfigured, making it so the interior is not prone to water damage.

In 2006, the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee received a USDA grant that was used to replace the roof and paint the exterior of the building.

The hatchery committee hopes to establish a nature museum in the building.

The hatchery committee hopes its community awareness initiatives will inform the public of the activities taking place to restore the building and garner financial support for the plans.

"Money is tight all over and grants are getting hard to come by," Bolen said.

In 1914, Grayling lumber baron Rasmus Hanson purchased land on the AuSable River, collected donations from friends and local fishermen and established the private hatchery where they hoped to raise grayling from eggs and release them into the wild.

Hanson and his friends failed to save the native fish, whose habitat was destroyed by floating logs down the river to local lumber mills, but their work with brook and brown trout succeeded.

The initial fish hatchery building was built in 1919. The current fish hatchery building was built in 1948.

Grayling residents banded together in the early 1980s and received permission from the state to open the hatchery after it had been closed for several years.

The Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee completed a project to restore the fish hatchery grounds with a \$464,000 Department of Natural Resources grant in 2003.

Salon Rue'
By Sharon Carlson
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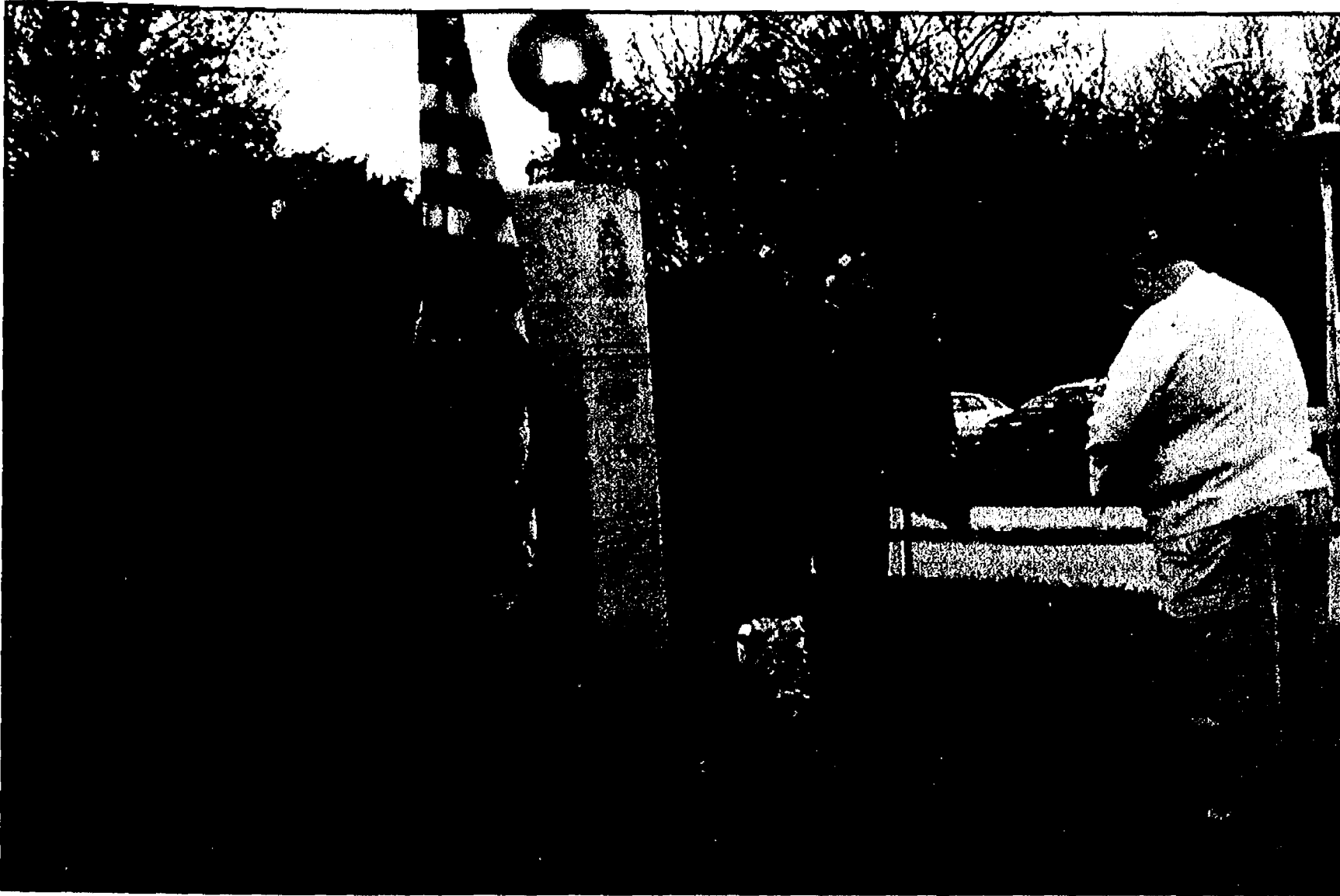
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Ceremonies held at courthouse



Members of the Carl W. Borchers Post of the V.F.W. #3736 held a Loyalty Day Ceremony by the veteran's memorial in front of the Crawford County Courthouse last Thursday. Loyalty Day is observed on May 1 in the United States and is a day set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the country and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom. Above, V.F.W. member Mike Engles, Joe Pencak and Tim Coe take part in the ceremony. Coe read a copy of "the Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment of 2007", which was spearheaded by Congressman Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, at the ceremony. The law clarifies when the flag should be flown at half-staff, under a governor's proclamation, at federal and governmental facilities when a soldier, Marine, Airman or sailor is killed in combat. Micks, a soldier from Rapid City, was killed in Iraq on July 8, 2006. A National Day of Prayer ceremony, which was organized for its 57th annual year, was also held on Thursday. Below left, Debbie Mann and guitarist Pam Duprey, members of the Resurrection Life Center, lead the singing of songs at the National Day of Prayer ceremony.

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Local traffic stops result in two felony drug arrests

Area police officers made two felony arrests for drug trafficking following traffic stops.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that Trooper Harold Terry, the K-9 handler from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police, made a traffic stop on Wednesday, April 30, that resulted in the seizure of ecstasy tablets and marijuana.

Strike Investigative Narcotics Group (SING) officers set up surveillance on the two people arrested from the traffic stop. S.T.I.N.G. officers searched a motel room in Beaver Creek Township, where suspects were staying, and recovered 133

ecstasy tablets and approximately five ounces of marijuana.

The search also led to the seizure of tattoo equipment, money and electronics. Heather M. Helsel, 20, and Robert V. Childs, 23, both from Roscommon, were charged in Crawford County District Court on charges of controlled substance delivery-manufacture methamphetamine/ecstasy and controlled substance delivery-manufacture marijuana.

Terry, on Sunday, May 4, also stopped a vehicle traveling northbound on I-75, near the Four Mile Road exit, for following other vehicles too close-

ly. During the stop, Terry obtained consent to search the vehicle. Terry's K-9 unit "Valor" made two positive hits on the vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of approximately two ounces of marijuana and 11 grams of suspected heroin. Both occupants of the vehicle were lodged in the Crawford County Jail for charges of possession with intent to deliver marijuana and heroin. Police confiscated the vehicle for forfeiture proceedings and \$185. The names of the suspects are being withheld since they have not been arraigned in Crawford County District Court.

GRA rolls forward with new recreation plan

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"Recreation is really important to Crawford County, not only to the residents who live here, but to the tourists who come here and visit," Jones said. "We would like to get as much input from the people as possible, so we can develop the best possible recreation plan that reflects what the people want to see in the community."

A public hearing for the proposed recreational plan will be held in August. The final plan will be submitted to the DNR in September.

Planners from the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments will assist county officials with the process.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed to spend up to \$8,000 to develop a new recreation plan.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Gas prices soar; what's the solution?

SO WHAT ELSE is new these days?

The cost of gasoline at the pump is at or near an all-time high across the country, and Michigan is near the top of the list.

Four dollar gas is at our doorstep. Filling an empty 18 gallon gas tank at \$4 per gallon will extract \$72 from the driver. How long can the paying customer handle a load like that?

Problems are compounded for professional drivers, such as over-the-road haulers, delivery vehicles, taxis and the like.

With the cost of diesel fuel even outstripping the soaring cost of regular gasoline, some haulers may pay more than \$1,000 to fill their truck tanks.

Those costs, of course, are multiplied eventually to the consumer. The cost of goods that driver is hauling will go up, and when hauling costs are translated into the price for some product, that price goes higher, too, and the eventual consumer is stuck

again.

Against this continuing escalation of ordinary folks being caught in the financial middle, a couple of recent developments induce comment.

EXECUTIVES FROM the five biggest oil companies appeared before a congressional committee a few weeks ago, pleading with congress not to fool around with the \$18 billion in annual tax subsidies they now enjoy.

"Stable tax policies" are needed to "encourage needed investments," argued the oil men, so the \$18 billion subsidy, designed to encourage exploration and development, should stay. The big shots were from Exxon-Mobil, Royal Dutch Shell, BP, Chevron and ConocoPhillips.

Reminded that the five biggest oil companies' ever-growing profits reached \$123 billion last year, earning 8.4 cents per dollar of business, one oil industry leader explained that "our earnings, though high in absolute

terms, need to be viewed in the context of the scale and cyclical, long-term nature of our industry as well as the huge investment requirements."

Well, okay. But what about the guy at the pump, who's paying \$72 for a fill-up? How about the scale of his overall spending, and cyclical, long-term nature of his financial well-being? What about his own "huge investment requirements," including food and housing and clothing, and maybe sending his kids to college? Should he pay more, so big oil can rack up higher profits?

According to a recent *Associated Press* article citing Department of Energy sources, crude oil makes up about 58 percent of the cost of gas at the pump, while refining takes up 17 percent, taxes 15 percent, distribution and retail (including credit card fees) 9 percent, and the remaining 1 percent as store income.

If the big oil companies would accept even a small percentage

cut in their record profits, and pass along that relief to the payer at the pump, the companies (and their stockholders) would not be harmed greatly, while the motorist would welcome the improvement.

Will it happen? Probably not.

IN THIS ELECTION year, politics and gas prices cannot be separated.

Sen. John McCain, Republican nominee-in-waiting, was the first presidential candidate to weigh in with "a plan."

Sen. McCain proposed a moratorium on the federal gas tax through the summer months to provide at least temporary relief for drivers during the traditional holiday season. He did not mention how or if his plan would replace that revenue.

Sen. Hillary Clinton, struggling for voter and delegate support in the tough Democratic primary for presidential nomination, jumped in with her own moratorium to cut the federal gas tax for

the summer. Unlike the McCain "plan," Ms. Clinton's "plan" is somehow to make the oil companies pay the tax, although she is not specific as to how that will be done.

Ms. Clinton's Democratic rival, Sen. Barack Obama, dismisses both ideas as pandering to the voters and inconsequential, amounting to only a few dollars of relief for the guy at the pump.

Some state leaders, in Michigan and in other states, have suggested a similar moratorium on state gas taxes, again for momentary relief for the suffering public.

So far, nothing has been adopted along these lines, and probably will not be.

It makes good political fodder for office seekers, however. In a word, the moratorium ideas are all political gas.

SO WHAT happens? Gas prices at the pump will continue to fluctuate in response to the irreversible rules of supply and

demand. The guy at the pump is caught between limited supply and increased demand.

The answer is larger supply, or smaller demand. We must find more oil, or use less of it, or most likely, strike a balance between the two.

However, gas prices at the pump likely will not return to the levels with which American motorists were most comfortable, in the neighborhood of a dollar a gallon.

And they never will get back to the level of my youth, when gas was 15 or 20 cents a gallon, and a couple of bucks would fill the tank.

Those days are long gone, and hopefully the days of \$4 or \$5 per gallon soon will be long gone, too.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

They responded with the best

To the editor:

Our wonderful community was hit by a fire storm last Thursday, on April 24, at about 3 p.m., and our small town went into increased activity and responded with the best of the best.

I was so proud to see everyone working as a team. The fire department, the sheriff's department, the military, the state police, the DNR, Mercy Hospital, MMR and all the folks who pitched in to help. It did my

heart good to see so many talented and caring people on the move, risking life with one mission, to put out the fire storm and get this fire under control.

We never take the time to thank our friends and the brave people who put their lives on the line daily for us. I just wanted to give a big hug and a shout out to all of those brave and wonderful friends.

God Bless,
Rick Anderson
Grayling

God bless our firefighters

To the editor:

After being evacuated Thursday from Karen Woods, the reality of losing all that I own was very frightening. Because of the speed and efficiency of the evacuation team, we were able to escape with our photo albums and a change of clothes.

I am proud of the excellent job that our firefighters and emergency personnel did during the crisis. It is because of their hard work that I have a home to return to. God bless our firefighters.

Stephanie Mansfield
Grayling

Excellent job by our local firefighters

To the editor:

The firefighters, police officers and volunteers did an excellent job on Thursday and Friday. Their dedication to our community and long hours fighting the blaze allowed us to come home

on Friday morning and find our house standing and safe.

We still have our home because of all of you.

Dave and Jeanne
Reichelderfer and family
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Stay safe this summer

To the editor:

When the weather warms up and spring finally arrives, more and more people will be enjoying the wonderful fresh air of northern Michigan. Motorists need to take more precaution of pedestrians and bicyclists, and they in return need to heed caution of motorists.

I have been out and about on two separate occasions have seen bicyclists riding with iPods or MP3 players. How can they hear an approaching vehicle? It is a very unsafe act and also I believe it's illegal.

I've also seen children ran-

domly dart in front of cars on bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, etc. Parents need to teach their children the importance of paying attention to vehicles and looking both ways before crossing the street.

It sounds simple enough, but it is too often ignored. Adults, set the example and stay safe this summer.

We have a wonderful bike trail and wonderful bike routes established here in Grayling. Please use them and save motorists a near heart attack.

Corin Kelly
Grayling

Not all downstaters tear up the land

To the editor:

This is in response to the letter printed from Star Adkison in the April 24, 2008, Crawford County Avalanche.

I am what she calls a 'down stater' and I am for the theme park in Grayling. I think it is a wonderful idea. She is right, Grayling and the surrounding areas do need a boost to the economy. However, she is wrong in stating that we come up there to tear up the land (not all of us anyway).

I take pride in our seasonal home and look forward to com-

ing up there for vacations and relaxation.

While we are there, we buy groceries, we get gas, and we shop at the little stores and markets. Without us down staters coming there on a regular basis, I think that the economy in that area would be worse.

So I think that she should not be so harsh on all of us down staters, because with attitudes like hers she may just get what she wishes for.

Alphina Kelley
Ypsilanti

Opportunity to establish a connection was turned down

To the editor:

"Let's Play Ball!" Anticipation of hearing those words lifted the spirits of many of us in Grayling who enjoy and support sport programs for our youth.

When the snow was still knee deep, planning was beginning for the 2008 Little League season, and I had heard that, as usual, Little League would be looking for sponsors for their many teams.

With the struggling economy, I was hopeful that there would be enough sponsors so there could be many teams, and all the kids who wanted to play would be able to. Just before the Little League draft, I was saddened to hear that there were still three teams without sponsors. Imagination was sparked and ideas were formed.

Contacts were made and approval received. Great, a new sponsor and another team could

play.

Just days ago, I learned that the new sponsor was not awarded a team. Instead, the business of someone very closely linked with Little League was given a sponsorship. Don't get me wrong, I'm thankful that all of the teams have sponsors, but I'm concerned about the wisdom of the decision.

Might it not have been better to welcome a new sponsor into the Little League family? The business, with its ties to Little League, could have been a great backup in case there was a sponsor shortage. The business has an established connection with Little League and that connection will probably remain intact.

The opportunity to establish a new connection was turned down. Will the potential sponsor that was vetoed seek the opportunity again? Hard to say.

Dorri Lewis
Grayling

No one has confessed

To the editor:

We would like to address all the rumors that are circulating about our son. To the best of our knowledge, no one has confessed to killing our son.

Someone came forward and told us that they overheard a conversation about where he was buried.

We, with the support of the state police, found the site and hired Jack Millikin, Inc., to excavate the site.

Millikin Inc., was great to work with and we really appreciated all of their help.

Unfortunately, we found no answers to our son's disappearance. The fact that he is still remembered greatly touches our hearts.

We welcome any information that anyone may have regarding these issues.

Dewey and Roberta Corlew
Grayling

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Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

Has the high price of gasoline changed your driving habits or vacation plans?

Yes. 103 votes 82%	No. 22 votes 18%
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This week's online poll question: **Which recent feat by a Detroit sports franchise is most impressive?**

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BRIEFS

Church to hold concert

Mark and Andrea Forrester will be in concert on Saturday, May 10, at 6 p.m., at the Lovells Community Chapel, 8133 Bald Hill Rd., Grayling. Refreshments will be served after the concert. For more information, call 989-348-2701.

American Legion Auxillary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary Post #106 will be holding its annual election of officers on Monday, May 12, during their regular meeting. All members are encouraged to come. Any member who would like to run for an office may be nominated at that time.

VFW Post #3736 to hold meeting

The VFW Post #3736, and the ladies auxiliary, will hold their monthly meeting on May 13, at 7 p.m., at the American Legion Hall.

American Legion Auxillary to hold meeting

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #106 will be held at noon on Wednesday, May 14, at the American Legion Hall.

River House to hold annual "High Tea"

River House Inc. will hold its annual High Tea and Auction on Thursday, May 8, from 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The tea will be held at St. Mary's Social Hall, 708 Peninsular Ave., Grayling. The cost of the tea is \$35 per person. All proceeds will benefit River House, Inc., for its fight against domestic violence, sexual violence and homelessness in Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon counties. Call River House Inc., at 989-348-3169, for ticket information.

GPA ends season with dinner show

The Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Series presents the "Steppin' Out" dinner show at the Grayling Ramada Inn, on May 8. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The performance will begin after dessert. Tickets are available in advance at the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, 989-348-2921, or at the door.

Bowling fund-raiser to be held

A bowling fund-raiser for Special Olympics Michigan Area 4 will be held on Saturday, June 7, at the American Legion, Grayling. The cost is \$25 per person and is for adults only. The cost includes three games of "9 pin-NoTap" bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop. Reservations and money must be in by May 24. For a reservation form, contact Valerie Brown at 989-348-9109.

4th of July bike parade to take place

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Grayling welcomes all children to participate in the 4th of July Independence Day Bicycle Parade. The auxiliary will provide decorating kits for all the bikes and there will be prize drawings immediately following the parade. Anyone interested in participating in this event can contact Hsiu Lein Cherry, at 989-348-5063, to register before the end of May.

Sheriff to host law enforcement ceremony

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will host a law enforcement memorial ceremony on Thursday, May 15, at noon, in the parking lot of the Sheriff's office (weather permitting) to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. There will be an informal lunch following the service.

MARSP to hold spring meeting

The Crawford-Oscoda Chapter of Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel spring meeting will be held on May 14, in Mio, at the Mio Methodist Church, 1101 W. 8th St., across from the Mio-AuSable Schools. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. The guest speaker will be Mr. Barry Stutesman of the Michigan Museum and the Michigan Magazine Television Show of Comins. The cost is \$7. Call Bob Summers for reservations by noon on Friday, May 9, at 344-1905.

Church to hold Mother's Day concert

The Bear Lake Christian Church, located between Grayling and Kalkaska at M-72 and E. Bear Lake Rd., will present Dennis Gwizdala, a southern gospel singer, saxophonist and songwriter, live at a special Mother's Day concert and service on May 11, at 10 a.m.

Church to hold choir concert

Michelson Memorial Church will hold a spring choir concert, by the Chancel Choir on Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. It is free and all are welcome.

Local letter carriers act to end hunger

The Grayling and Frederic letter carriers will tote heavier loads Saturday, May 10, when they gather food donations for the needy from Crawford County families. "Stamp Out Hunger," a program of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), is the nation's largest single-day food drive, collecting more than 765 million pounds of food since its inception in 1993.

To help, families can leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable food, such as canned soup, vegetables, pasta, rice or cereal, next to their mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery. Food items should be in non-breakable containers, such as boxes and cans. Local letter carriers will deliver them to regional food banks which distribute the food to local pantries, shelters and soup kitchens throughout Michigan. "With increasing food and fuel prices, fewer families have

the resources to feed themselves," says Food Bank Council of Michigan interim executive director Bill Long. "The same costs have increased for every food bank and food pantry in the state, making it more difficult to collect and transport food in the face of rising demand and decreasing donations."

The 2007 drive delivered 70.7 million pounds of non-perishable food items to families across the country. Campbell Soup has supported the drive for more than a decade. This year it will donate one million cans of soup, and the printing of more than 120 million postcards, to remind the public about the drive. "The need is great, with many food pantries reporting record numbers of men, women and children seeking assistance," says NALC President William H. Young. "It will only get worse if our economy continues to decline."



U.P. quartet will perform bluegrass music at Kirtland on May 10.

U.P. quartet brings unique bluegrass sound to Kirtland

The Upper Peninsula quartet, Chasin' Steel, will bring its bluegrass sound to the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA), on Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon, for one show only Saturday, May 10, at 8 p.m.

Jonah, Jacob and Jason Kuhlman grew up playing music in the family band, and when they joined forces with Adam Carpenter, a unique chemistry brought a new flavor of bluegrass to the Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Chasin' Steel is a traditionally structured four-piece bluegrass group with the majority of their songs featuring a banjo, mandolin, guitar and acoustic bass with three- and four-part harmonies.

Although they typically structure their instrumentation in this traditional manner, their sound has what has been called a unique edge to it. Some have called them "bluegrass with a rock-and-roll attitude." They do have several songs that feature the hammered dulcimer, which are always crowd pleasers.

Chasin' Steel performs numerous original songs, traditional songs and contemporary bluegrass covers that have a hard-driving, aggressive nature. They have been called a high-energy band that appeals to not only hardcore bluegrass fans, but to the average music fan, as well.

Program helps those with chronic breathing disorder

Helping people with their chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is the goal of the "Better Breathing Education Series."

Respiratory Therapist Sue Boardman, R.R.T., of Mercy Hospital Grayling, hosts the first of eight free sessions from 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Monday, May 12, in the private dining room adjacent to the cafeteria. The sessions will continue on Mondays through July 14 via the REMEC Health Network. There will be no classes May 26 or July 7. Please check with the front desk for subsequent week room locations.

"Participants will learn how to take control of their illness rather than letting the disease control them," she said. "A family member or significant other is encouraged to attend as well."

The sessions include a variety of specialists who will cover topics such as lung anatomy, medications, breathing devices, nutrition, and much more.

Speakers include a registered nurse, a physician, a respiratory therapist, a dietitian, an occupational therapist, an exercise specialist, a medical social worker, a pharmacist and a representative from the American Lung Association of Michigan.

For more information or to register, call Boardman at (989) 348-0831.

Tickets for the upcoming show are \$20 and \$18, and may be purchased online at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa or by calling the KCPA ticket office at 989-275-6777. Senior, student, family and group rates are available.

Child care services - \$5 for one child or \$10 per family - will be available during the performance at the Children's Learning Center located on campus. Parents are encouraged to call in advance. Free shuttle service is also provided from the parking lot to the main lobby doors. For ticket information or details regarding the child care services, persons may call the KCPA ticket office or 989-275-5000, extension 232.

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The Bible Speaks

No Condemnation

Romans 8:1 introduces every Christian to one of the greatest, most encouraging chapters in the Bible. The chapter begins with no condemnation and ends with no separation. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." The chapter ends: "38For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The word "Therefore" refers us back to the previous context where Paul proved the total inability of God's law to make us holy. He said in Romans 7:24, 25a: "24O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord..." Paul had already stated earlier in Romans 7:4 that our union with Jesus Christ is the key to our victory: "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye

should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."

Because of our union with Jesus Christ "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus..." This theme of Romans was first introduced in Romans 1:16, 17: "16For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

Notice the words "There is therefore now no condemnation..." The word "now" reminds us our justification is a present possession. As Romans 3:21 said: "21But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets." As Romans 5:9 said: "9Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." "27Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." (1 Cor. 12:27).

We have absolute certainty of "no condemnation" because of our union with Jesus Christ. As

God teaches us in Romans 8:33, 34: "33Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

The promise of "no condemnation" is "to them which are in Christ Jesus." As 1 Corinthians 1:30 says: "30But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." Assurance of forgiveness of sins and eternal life must rest in the person, work, and word of Jesus Christ alone. Those who know they are preserved through faith in Jesus Christ will be yielding self to the service of Jesus Christ in their daily lives as led by the Holy Spirit: "...who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." "16This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." (Gal. 5:16). "25If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Gal. 5:25). Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES

Elsie J. Bonamie

Elsie "Joyce" Bonamie, 70, of Gainesville, Fla., passed away on May 2, 2008.

She was born in Detroit.

She had been a resident of Gainesville, Fla., since 1985. She previously resided in North Carolina.

She attended school in Roseville. Her work life included many years of service at Silkmasters, a family owned Gainesville screen printing business, and Bear Archery in Grayling. She spent years as a caretaker of her ailing parents after her retirement.

She loved to read and watch University of Florida sports. Her wonderful sense of humor will be missed.

She is survived by sister-in-law, Shirley, nephews: Dale (Rebecca), and Cliff (Julie) both of Gainesville and Dan Bonamie of Grayling; many great-nieces and great-nephews and Michigan cousins; and her loyal caretaker, Donna Capo and special friends in Turkey Creek Forest.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Elsie; father, Charles II; brother, Charles III; nephew Charles IV; and great-nephew, Charles VI, all of Gainesville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606.

Arrangements made by Williams-Thomas Downtown Funeral Home, Gainesville, Fla.

Lloyd Berry, Jr.

A burial service for Lloyd Berry, Jr. will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Saturday, May 10, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling, with military honors accorded by the American Legion Post #106 and the U.S. Marine Corps.

Alleen L. Schrock

July 25, 1916 - April 22, 2008
Alleen Lucille "Peg" Schrock, 91, of Grayling and Clio, passed away on April 22, 2008.

She was born in Orleans, on July 25, 1916, to the late Wilson and Edith Purdy.

She worked as a caterer in Clio and later became a volunteer for the Grayling Schools Foster Grandparents program.

Her greatest accomplishment was the one that she took the most pride in, and that was being a homemaker for her husband and her son and for all of those that would stop in to visit. Her home was decorated on a budget, yet it looked like a "million dollars" and always smelled of fresh brewed coffee.

She is survived by her brother, Wilson "Bud" Purdy of St. Petersburg, Fla.; grandchildren, Debbi Rickard of Camp Verde, Ariz. and Kim (Wade) Laine of Davison; and great-grandchildren, Taylor and Brooke Laine.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth; son, Dan; siblings: Keith Purdy, Oren Purdy, Ila Bacon and Dorothy Allen.

A graveside memorial service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Clio.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Elk County Animal Shelter, Box 434, Atlanta, MI 49709.

Condolences may be sent to www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com. Arrangements made by Allen Funeral Home, Davison.

Jack D. Best

A memorial service for Jack D. Best will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, May 10, at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, with military honors accorded by the American Legion Post #106.

Ronald Edlund

Ronald Edlund, 53, formerly of Grayling, passed away on March 8, 2008, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

In Memory of

Our momma Ann Marie (Agnes).

I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and the days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part. God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart.

Love, your daughters Peggy, Marie, Claudette and Duby Lynn

In Memory of

Tony Seperic, Aug. 15, 1915 - May 9, 2005.

It's been three long years that you have been gone, but not forgotten. We remember your loving smile, you will always be in our hearts.

wife Grace, son Dick and wife Pat, Kevin, Kaori, Aila and Kai.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, May 9 - Lunch - pork roast with apple glaze, baked potato, mixed vegetables and applesauce. No Dinner. 8:30 a.m. Relative Caregivers Conference at KCC, 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Frederic and Maple Forest Satellite meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, May 10 - Foot clinic, cost is \$15. Call 821-5428 for an appointment and bring your own towel.

Monday, May 12 - Lunch - stuffed cabbage, peas, cauliflower and peaches. Dinner - spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, corn and pineapple. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back On Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, May 13 - Lunch - hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots and

grapes. Dinner - chicken tenders, oven roasted potatoes, green beans, oranges and grapefruit. 8:30 a.m. Casino trip, 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre and Sit and Be Fit, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks; 5:30 p.m. game night, 6:30 p.m. Housing Commission Board meeting. Wednesday, May 14 - Lunch - lemon pepper chicken, egg noodles, corn, broccoli and pineapple. Mother's Day/Birthday Dinner - baked ham with apple glaze, baked potato, Brussels sprouts, apple and brownie sundae. 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. rummage sale, 1 p.m. pool league, 5 p.m. Birthday and Mother's Day Dinner, 5:30 p.m. Cardio.

Thursday, May 15 - Lunch - roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce and an orange. Dinner - baked meatloaf, O'Brien potatoes, peas and carrots and mixed fruit. Carfit@ at the Free Methodist Church, 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Wii Virtual Bowling.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King, in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Shetland Island Sisterhood (S.I.S.) program, coming up at the Devereaux Memorial Library this month will be "Animals of Shetland Story Hour" on Wednesday, May 21, at 11 a.m. Special guest Personal Ponies Ltd. will have real ponies for pre-school children to interact with.

"Crusty Crests and Castles" is an after school program, planned for children ages 6 and up, at 3:30 p.m. on May 21. Kids will design their own family crests and learn about life in Scotland and the Shetland Islands. Space is limited for "Crusty Crests", contact Jane at 989-348-9214, extension 205, to sign up.

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1st building on right inside camp entrance)
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Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
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GRA's running season kicks off with Top of the Hill race

Grayling Recreation Authority conducted its first race of the 2008 running season – the Top of the Hill 5K – on Saturday, May 3, at Hanson Hills Recreation Area. Twenty-one runners competed in this year's Top of the Hill event, a

3.1-mile race that starts at the bottom of a hill, proceeds through a series of trails, and – as its name implies – finishes at the top of a ski hill.

Nathan Peters was the overall winner of this year's Top of the Hill 5K. Peters finished in

0:17:17. Jason Drudge placed second with a time of 0:17:55. Abigail Ertel won the women's division with a time of 0:22:25.

GRA will conduct three more foot races this year – the Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run in June, the GRA 10K in July, and

the Hanson Hills Endurance Trail Run in August.

For more information on upcoming GRA races, or for complete results of the 2008 Top of the Hill 5K, visit GRA's Web site at www.hansonhills.org.



Runners leave the starting line during Saturday's 2008 Top of the Hill 5K race at Hanson Hills.

Grayling Cooperative Preschool celebrates 40 years

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Nancy Gazan and Marian Whittenberg, whose husbands worked at Camp Lavictor, a youth detention facility that served as the predecessor for Camp Shawano, came up with the idea to start the preschool in 1966. Combining their efforts, the two women began writing to other preschools and meeting with representatives from the Michigan Council of Cooperative Nurseries. By-laws were developed, licensing requirements were met and hundreds of other tasks were completed to get the preschool established.

The Grayling Cooperative Nursery School became a reality in 1967. The first classroom met at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

There was very little equipment, and much of it was either donated or borrowed.

Bernie Dosch, whose children Paula and Karla attended the school, was also instrumental in founding the school. Dosch was completing her master's degree in elementary education, and as a young mother, wanted her children to have the experience of early childhood education.

Mothers and parents raised and pinched pennies to add a little equipment each year.

"It was pretty spartan because we didn't have any money to seed it," Dosch said.

Along with learning their shapes, colors, numbers and letters, the children learned to play together at the preschool with children other than their siblings.

"The most import thing that they learned is to get along together, to play together and to work together," Gazan said. "The children enjoyed it very much and I know that the moms did."

In 1974, the Grayling Cooperative Nursery, through continued support of parents and the community, incorporated and purchased their own building. The modular unit was placed on Plum Street, on property owned by the Crawford AuSable School District.

Marilyn Rosi, who moved to Grayling with her family from Iowa City in 1974, said the preschool served as an ideal location to get acquainted with the community.

"That's where I made some of my long-term friends and some of the friendships my children developed at preschool they carried through elementary school,

middle school and high school," said Rosi, whose children Yolanda, Nathaniel and Regina attended the preschool.

Sandy Shellfish-Davis, whose daughters Brion and Colby attended the school, said the classes kept the children busy, and fund-raising and running the school kept the parents active.

"It was like running a little business, and it was the parents that really did everything and kept that portable maintained and helped the school run well and remain viable," she said.

Barb Hunter, whose children Andy, Colin and Eric attended the school, said the experiences the children learn serve as perfect preparation for kindergarten.

"I think it's wonderful socializing for the kids, learning about being in a classroom-type setting and sharing with people their age," said Hunter, a Spanish and English teacher at Grayling High School.

In 1994, the name of the preschool was changed to the Grayling Cooperative Preschool, Inc. The modular unit was moved to its current location on Ingham Street in 1995, and remains the home for fun activities and positive learning experiences for youngsters.

Gazan was tickled that the preschool has remained a viable source of education for children for the last four decades.

"It's tribute to the City of Grayling and the people there that they were so supportive of this effort," said Gazan, who lives in Holland.

While the preschool, which relies totally on student tuition, has struggled with declining enrollment, officials are forging forward as they celebrate the 40th anniversary milestone. Preschool officials hope to make the Truck Fair an annual event that will fund the school, helping parents and children to avoid

having to do multiple fund-raisers throughout the school year.

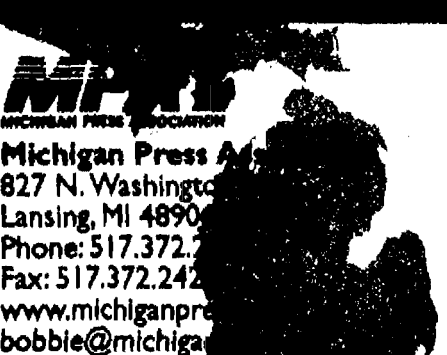
"It's a good program, and it will continue to last as long as the parents want to be involved," said Joni Dunkel, the president of the Grayling Cooperative Preschool Board.

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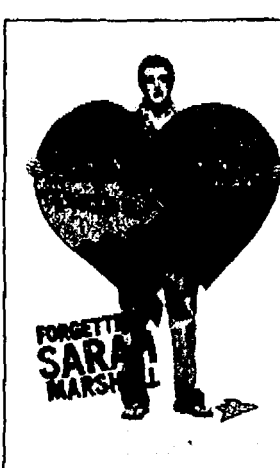
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A free safety inspection to help older drivers drive safer and longer, is coming to the Grayling Free Methodist Church, 6352 W. M-72 on May 15, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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"Although seniors are often the safest drivers in that they are more likely to wear their seat belts, and less likely to speed or drink and drive, age-related fragility makes them more likely to be injured when a crash does occur," said Jack Peet, Community Safety Services manager for AAA Michigan. "Older Americans need to take extra care to ensure that their cars are properly adjusted for them."

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VFW organizing 4th July parade

To celebrate the birthday of our country, Independence Day, July 4th, the Ladies Auxiliary 3736 and Post to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Carl W. Borchers, Grayling, is organizing a parade.

The auxiliary is inviting the community to participate in the parade. This year's theme is red, white and blue.

The parade will be held in downtown Grayling on July 4 starting at 11 a.m. Line up will start on Lake Street at 10 a.m.

To be included in the line up, fill out the entry form to the right and return it to 4th of July parade chairperson Debra Nemeth. Any questions may be directed to Nemeth at 989-348-4128.

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Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the period of April 27 - May 4:

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Higher gas prices fuel more drive-offs

by Clay Taylor
Capital News Service

With gas prices climbing towards \$4 a gallon, the temptation to speed away without paying can be strong.

Some gas station patrons are giving into that temptation, said Col. Peter Munoz, director of the State Police.

"With drive-offs, we do notice an increase as the price goes up," Munoz said.

Gas station attendants are stepping up measures to prevent drive-offs, Munoz said.

"A lot of merchants are installing more cameras to try to identify the driver or the license plate," he said. "Some of them in high-crime areas are changing their policy to require payment before pumping, usually

after dark."

The number of drive-offs is difficult to determine since they are classified with other larceny charges, said State Police public affairs representative Melody Kindraka.

The theft of gas drives the price up more for honest consumers, said Mark Griffin, president of the Michigan Petroleum Association.

"The station pays for the fuel up front," Griffin said. "When the customer drives away without paying, the gas station has to eat that cost. Since it's unreimbursed, it raises the price of gas for everyone else."

Some gas stations, like an Admiral gas station in Lansing, are already seeing an increase in drive-offs.

Typically, manager Ronda Schiebero says that three or four patrons leave without paying each week.

When asked if such crimes are occurring more frequently, Schiebero said "Absolutely. It's crazy."

In addition to making all customers pre-pay after 11 p.m., Schiebero says she tries to monitor vehicles as best she can to prevent gas theft.

"We basically keep an eye on the pump, try to get a description of the vehicle and a license plate number if we can," Schiebero said. "Then we report the problem to the police."

In some areas, drive-offs aren't a huge problem, said Sgt. David Koch of the Alpena Police Department.

"We get maybe four or five a month," Koch said. "More often than not, it's usually someone who forgets to pay and comes back."

"But if it reaches \$4, it could get worse," he warned.

Convictions for stealing gas have been rising steadily for the past few years.

In 2007, there were 123 convictions statewide, an increase from 2006 with 101 convictions and 2005 with 86 convictions, according to the Secretary of State's office. Numbers for 2008 to date were not available.

A first offense can result in a six-month suspended license, and a second offense results in a one year suspension, according to the Secretary of State's office.

Maple syrup producers savor sweet spring season

by Diane Ivey
Capital News Service

Maples have lined the streets of the village of Shepherd for more than 50 years, but little did the original planters know of the sweet future their sap would bring.

The Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival, less than 10 miles from Mount Pleasant, has been an important community tradition, spawning all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts, parades and even a beauty pageant, said festival chair Pete Alexander.

"The maple trees had so much sap pouring out of them that people decided to start selling it," Alexander said. "The money went back to the community for things like Little League, parks and playground equipment. It's been a part of our village ever since."

This year, Shepherd produced 1,740 gallons of maple syrup, an all-time record according to Alexander. It takes between 40 and 50 gallons of sap to create one gallon of syrup.

Despite a later start and colder weather than normal, Michigan's maple syrup producers say they've had a sweet season.

The \$2.5 million-a-year business has incorporated modern techniques while maintaining an old-fashioned process, according to Ron Thomas of Rose City, president of the Michigan Maple Syrup Association.

"It's a very old tradition and the process has not changed much in the last century," Thomas said. "However, some industry producers have added new technology to streamline the process. The end result is the same."

There are an estimated 500 commercial maple syrup producers in the state, with some 2,000 hobby or home use producers, Thomas said.

Tom Casier of Traverse City has been perfecting his brand of Michigan Gold for 12 years. He owns a "sugar bush," or syrup-making stand, with 4,500 individual taps, or spigots, which he inherited after a friend's retirement.

"The market has gone through the roof," Casier said. "My year was good, but my sugar bush using newer technology definitely performed better."

Casier said the season was longer this year, but it's impossible to predict next year's season because Michigan's weather is so variable. According to the associa-

tion, ideal weather includes warm sunny days and freezing cold nights. The season usually starts in February and ends in early April.

"Our 2007 season was over before this year's started," Casier said. "We had about six days to produce our yearly amount of syrup. This year, we had two whole weeks. But our seasons overall have gotten shorter."

Because costs have gone up everywhere, Casier said it's important for him, as well as for other sugar bush owners, to buy locally as much as possible.

"I've actually switched some of my equipment costs to local dealers, and I'm saving about \$1,500 a year," Casier said. "Right there, I've reduced shipping costs."

Though the season has been fruitful, Casier said he's still concerned about actually making a profit because of rising fertilizer and container costs.

"They say farmers are getting better deals, but I'm a bit concerned," Casier said. "If you want

the local farmer to survive, you have to put your money where your mouth is. It's important to buy Michigan products."

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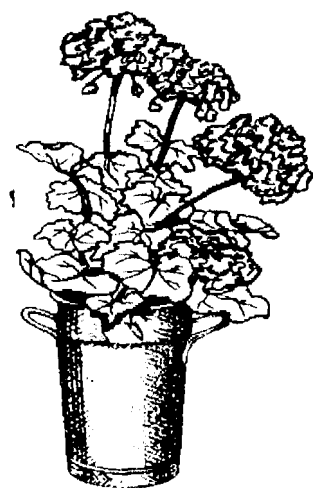
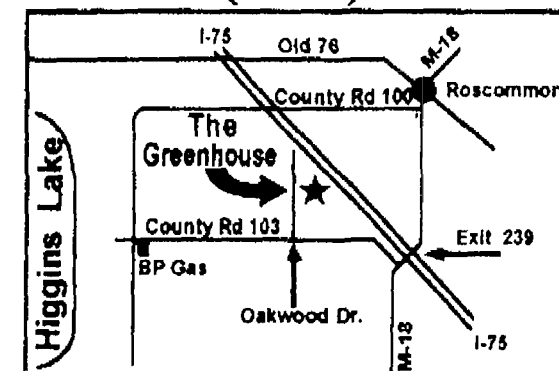
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by Tim Wardle
Capital News Service

Picking up roadside trash may soon become a lucrative business, should a revived proposal pass.

The latest version – proposed by Rep. Mark Meadows, D-East Lansing, – would expand Michigan's bottle refund law to include most packaged beverage containers. That would mean almost everything from a water bottle to an energy drink could be exchanged for a dime.

Some products would be excluded, such as milk and dairy drinks, which Meadows described as basic food items.

In a 2002 campaign debate, Gov. Jennifer Granholm proposed the state should expand the law to include tea and juice containers. State Sen. Michael Switalski, D-Roseville, has a nearly identical bill that is

stalled in the Senate.

It's not a new idea.

The idea has come under harsh criticism from some in the business community, mainly those that would be responsible for handling all the new empty containers.

"We're not the rubbish collection agency in the state of Michigan," said Edward Deeb, president of the Michigan Food and Beverage Association.

Deeb said the proposed law would unduly burden convenience and grocery stores that are already under pressure from state and federal laws to keep spic and span.

He said the proposal wouldn't require, just as the existing law doesn't require, that the containers be returned clean.

But Meadows said, "No one forces them to sell this stuff. If they are going to sell it, they need to be responsible." He was referring to the requirement that

says a store must take back any deposit container it sells.

Deeb has an alternative plan: tax each shopper one penny per shopping trip to the store and use the money to fund a statewide recycling center that could handle everything from bottles to newspapers to scrap metal.

The container refund law was enacted by a voter referendum in 1976. In 2006 alone – the last year for which data was available – more than \$415 million in bottle returns was collected in the state, according to the Department of Environmental Quality, which would equate to about 41.5 billion cans and bottles.

Gayle Miller, legislative coordinator for the Michigan chapter of the Sierra Club, said her organization strongly favors expansion of the container law and has pushed previously to get similar measures passed

Miller said the issue goes beyond trying to clean up the roadside, but could also be a solution to the state's troubled economic condition.

She said strong incentives to recycle and not add to Michigan's landfills provide opportunities to create jobs.

"We need to take recyclable materials out of the waste stream and use them to make new things," she said. "We can sell this stuff for profit rather than send this to the landfill."

In response to Deeb's criticism that such a law would be unfeasible for many stores to handle, she said, "Just to say it's too hard is not an answer."

Meadows' bill, cosponsored by Rep. Kathleen Law, D-Gibraltar, is in committee. Switalski's bill was introduced last January and was referred to the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee.

by Matt Flint
Capital News Service

When customers get intoxicated at Pomorski's Tavern, Warren Smith wants to keep them safe.

Smith, owner of Pomorski's in Ludington, said he doesn't think the bar's responsibility to its patrons stops when the drinks stop flowing.

A new law allows bars like Pomorski's to keep intoxicated patrons inside while they sober up or wait for a ride after they've been refused service. The law passed unanimously in both the House and Senate earlier this year.

"If we feel they've had one too many drinks – whether it's us serving them or someone else – we make arrangements for them to get home," Smith said.

In some cases, if the person doesn't have money or refuses a taxi service, a tavern employee will take his or her keys away and then provide a ride at the end of the night. Meanwhile, Pomorski's provides them with coffee.

"If I were making the law, I would make it that if they get intoxicated in my place, I'd be responsible to get them home," Smith said.

Previously, customers were

forced to leave bars after being cut off. The new law spares people an unsafe walk home and may deter them from driving when they leave.

"They may remain on the premise as long as they've been refused service of alcohol," said Lance Binoniemi, director of government affairs for the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association. "They have time to stay there to have some coffee or food or find another ride rather than driving home themselves."

Binoniemi's main concern about the law is that many bar owners are unaware of its existence.

"They've been trained that any individual who's intoxicated must be removed," he said. "We're trying to get the word out that that is no longer the case."

Melody Kindraka, of the State Police, said because the law is new, the department doesn't have enough data yet to determine if drunken driving has actually declined as a result.

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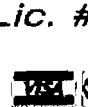
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ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and

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Andrew Anter

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In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Janet Anter of Grayling and Joseph Anter of Bethel, Ohio.

Anter is a 2007 graduate of Grayling High School.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 75 complaints the week of April 28 - May 4:

One EMS response, one missing person, 14 general non-criminal complaints, one delinquent minor, one runaway, five false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one burglary/home invasion, four larcenies, one fraudulent activity, two damage to properties, six public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, seven health

and safeties, one conservation, five traffic accidents, two accidents-non-traffic, one parking violation, one traffic safety-public appearance, two inspections/investigations-motor vehicles, one lost and found property, four family troubles-domestic and 11 suspicious situations.

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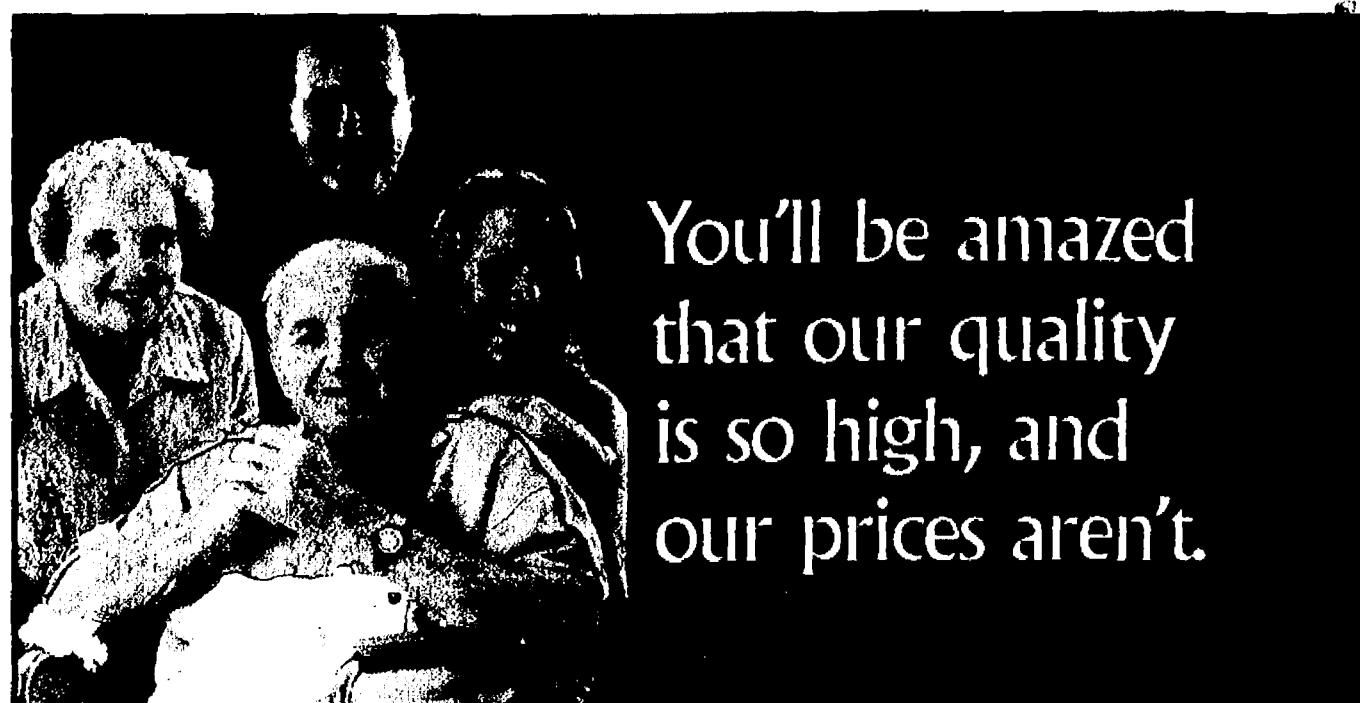
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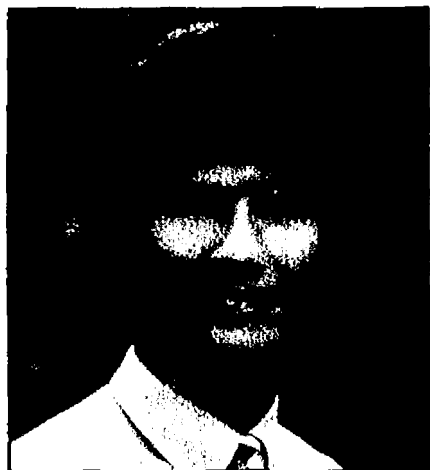
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Top 10 named for GHS 2008 graduates

The top 10 students for Grayling High School's Class of 2008 are Reid Holzbauer (valedictorian), Christopher Wells (salutatorian), Jessica Baker, Renee Clair, Ryan Cooper, Andrew Curriston, Jessica Fowler, Matthew McDonald, Ethan Neuberger and Cassandra Pizzi.

Brief profiles for each graduate are as follows, with all students listed alphabetically after the valedictorian and salutatorian:

Valedictorian Reid Holzbauer

Reid Holzbauer has been named the 2008 Grayling High School class valedictorian. He is the 18-year old son of Clyde Holzbauer and Nadine Holzbauer. Holzbauer plans to attend Michigan State University to study philosophy. He is the recipient of the National Promise Scholarship. Holzbauer is a member of the National Honor Society, serving as its president his senior year. He is also a member of the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team and has participated in forensics and jazz band. He is a scholar athlete who has participated in tennis and was captain of the tennis team. He enjoys tennis, wake boarding, trips to Africa, music and festivals.

Salutatorian Christopher Wells

Christopher Wells has been named the 2008 Grayling High School class salutatorian. He is the 17-year old son of Gerald and Bonnie Wells. Wells plans to attend the University of Southern California, University of Michigan or Northwestern University to study aeronautical engineering and trombone performance. He is the recipient of the Michigan Promise Scholarship and the Patrick L. Gilmore Band Award. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team, Tri-M Music Honor Society acting as its president and historian, and the Leo Club, also serving as its president. He has participated in theater for four years, soccer for four years, choir for one year, band, honors band, solo ensemble and district and state honors band for four years each. He has been named to the Lions of Michigan All-State band for three years, the All-State Honors band and the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Honors Band. Wells has volunteered his time tutoring elementary school students and refereeing soccer. He enjoys reading, biking, spending time with his friends and ice skating.

Jessica Baker

Jessica Baker is the 18-year old daughter of Ron and Judy Baker. She plans to attend the University of Michigan, studying kinesiology to pursue a career in medicine. She is the recipient of the Michigan Promise Scholarship. Baker is a member of the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team, National Honor Society, serving as its treasurer, and Student Senate, serving as its historian. She is a scholar athlete and has participated in basketball, volleyball and soccer. She volunteers her time with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Little Vikes program and the American Red Cross blood drives. She currently works at the Grayling Nursing Centre.

Renee Clair

Renee Clair is the 18-year old daughter of Dennis and

Becky Robinson of Grayling, and Jim and Lisa Clair of Battle Creek. Clair plans to attend Western Michigan University to pursue a degree in speech pathology. She is the recipient of the Michigan Promise Scholarship. Clair is a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Senate and is vice president of the Class of 2008. While at Grayling High School, she has been a scholar athlete, a student of the month and has been named to the honor roll. She has earned All-Conference Honorable Mention for volleyball, All-Conference for soccer and she is a Grayling Viking Renaissance Academic Excellence member. Clair has participated in volleyball, soccer, GRA pom squad, Big Brothers/Big Sisters "Bigs In Schools Program" and the GHS recycling program. She volunteers her time with the American Red Cross blood drives and the MSU 4-H Teen Connections Peer Mentoring program. She is a member of the City of Grayling Parks and Recreation Committee, a member of the Caring for Crawford Kids Organization and is an MSU 4-H Teen Connection Peer Mentor.

Ryan Kayne Cooper

Ryan Kayne Cooper is the 18-year old son of Thad and Sue Cooper. Cooper plans to attend Central Michigan University to pursue a degree in the medical field. He is a recipient of the Michigan Promise Scholarship and the Kessler Family Centralis Scholarship. Cooper is a member of the National Honor Society, the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team, the Student Senate, is treasurer of the Class of 2008 and president of the GHS Recycling Committee. He has participated in football, basketball and track. He volunteers his time at Redskins Field, running the scoreboard, and he tutors elementary students. His hobbies include canoeing and he works at Penrod's.

Andrew Curriston

Andrew Curriston is the 18-year old son of Larry and Shirley Curriston. He plans to attend Michigan

Technological University to pursue a degree in biomedical engineering. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society and the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team. Curriston is a recipient of the Michigan Promise Award and the Michigan Technological University Presidential Award. He is a scholar athlete and has participated in soccer, band, plays and musicals. He volunteers his time tutoring younger students. His hobbies include soccer, hockey and swing dance.

Jessica Fowler

Jessica Fowler is the 18-year old daughter of Jeffrey and Linda Fowler and Gail and Rod Ney. She plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University. Fowler is the recipient of the Michigan Promise Award and the Saginaw Valley State University Scholarship Award. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team and has been named student of the month. Fowler has perfect attendance and has participated in plays, musicals, state solo and ensemble and Regional Honors Choir. She enjoys tutoring, singing Christian music and is a Sunday School teacher.

Matthew McDonald

Matthew McDonald is the 18-year old son of John and Dawn McDonald. He plans to attend Central Michigan University. He would also like to become a cowboy. He is the recipient of the Michigan Promise Award. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team. McDonald has served in Student Senate as president of the Class of 2008. He is a scholar athlete who participated in football, basketball and track. He enjoys fishing, hunting and canoeing.

Ethan Neuberger

Ethan Neuberger is the 17-year old son of Lorraine Neuberger and Marlyn Neuberger. He plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University to pursue a degree

in mechanical engineering or business. Neuberger is a recipient of the Michigan Promise Award. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team. Neuberger is a scholar athlete and has participated in baseball, being named Academic All-State in 2007. He volunteers his time as an umpire for little league and assists with baseball clinics for young children. His hobbies include snowboarding and hunting.

Cassandra Rae Pizzi

Cassandra Rae Pizzi, is the 18-year old daughter of Gaye Pizzi. She plans to attend Lawrence Technological University to complete a master's degree in architecture. Pizzi is the recipient of the Michigan Promise Award and the Lawrence Technological University Presidential Scholarship. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Youth in Government, concert band, marching band, peer mentoring and is a Grayling Viking Renaissance Academic Excellence member. She has also been student of the month, has received a citizenship award and was on the honor roll. Pizzi is a four-year member of Student Senate, serving as vice president her freshman year, president her sophomore year and junior years, and as Senate Governor her senior year. She is a scholar athlete and has participated in track, basketball and skiing. She was the ski team captain, All-Region Ski Team, Most Valuable Skier in her sophomore, junior and senior years, named All-Conference Second Team 2006, Third Team All-State 2007, All-Conference First Team 2007, and Honorable Mention All-State 2008. Pizzi volunteers with NASTAR and has dedicated over 891 hours to their recreational ski and snowboard program. She belongs to her church youth group and volunteers her time with the Grayling Fish Hatchery, the Grayling Viking Band and numerous retirement homes. Her hobbies include skiing, canoeing, kayaking, reading, bowling and wake boarding.

Guidelines for outdoor businesses in downtown Grayling approved

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

With the finishing touches of the City of Grayling's \$1.3 million streetscape project planned to take place this month, officials have adopted guidelines to allow businesses to use the sidewalks for retail and restaurant operations.

The Grayling City Council, at its regular meeting last week, adopted open air commerce district guidelines which apply to the proprietors in the central business district on Michigan Avenue.

The goal of the open air commerce district guidelines is to allow retail and restaurant operators to expand their operations and create more business in downtown Grayling.

"When people see others gathered downtown, they're naturally going to be attracted to it and are going to come down to see what is going on," Grayling City Manager David Thayer said. "We

hope the fresh, new look will help draw more people downtown, and they will then go into the stores and shops to see what they have to offer."

Under the guidelines, retail businesses in the central business district are allowed to use the sidewalks directly fronting their business for retail use as an extension of their existing business. Sales and displays, however, must be similar to goods and services that are sold inside their business.

Retailers must maintain a visibly clear pedestrian walkway on the sidewalk, of eight feet, for the public to transverse.

"If pedestrians are at one end of the street, they need to have a clear view to the other end of the street," Thayer said.

Restaurants, participating in outdoor café dining, shall place all tables and chairs in an orderly fashion. Use of umbrellas must not interfere with the passage of pedestrians on the walkway.

Restaurant operations also must comply with Health Department standards.

Use of the open air commerce district on the sidewalk must be promptly maintained for cleanliness to promote sanitary conditions and to avoid blowing litter.

All displays and equipment used on the sidewalks must be removed daily unless a special use permit is issued by the city manager. Fencing to divide off areas of the sidewalk is not allowed.

Space in front of a building in the central business district may not be leased to others. Peddlers are also not allowed to use any open space commerce district area without a special use permit issued by the city manager.

Use of sandwich style signs must not impede the pedestrian walkway. Other signage must comply with the city's sign ordinance.

Failure to follow the guidelines will result in the loss of the priv-

ilege to use the open space commerce district fronting their business.

In other action, the city council agreed to buy 12 park benches, at a cost of \$7,700, as added amenities for the streetscape project. The benches will provide a rest area for shoppers and tourists and a waiting area for people while their companions are shopping.

"The Downtown Development Authority thought the benches were a nice addition to the project, especially when we're trying to promote pedestrian usage," Thayer said.

The planting of oak trees for the project will take place this week.

The final coat of asphalt will be applied to the two blocks of Michigan Avenue east of James Street after area asphalt plants open for the road construction season on May 15.

"Our goal is to have everything done by Memorial Day," Thayer said.

Grayling students excel on state education assessments

The Crawford AuSable School District's (CASD) third through ninth grade students took their Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests last October, and recently were informed that they surpassed the area average on 25 of the 28 assessments and surpassed the State of Michigan on 21 of the 28 assessments.

These results mark the third straight year of significant improvement in student achievements at Crawford AuSable Schools.

Every fall, students in the State of Michigan are assessed in math, reading and writing in grades third through eighth. In addition, the fifth and eighth grade students are assessed in

science and the sixth and ninth grade students are assessed in social studies. The reading and writing assessments are combined to give the students an English language arts score which, along with math, is reported to the federal government under No Child Left Behind guidelines.

The increased focus on student achievement, and the continued improvement in curriculum and instruction, contributed to the outstanding results at Crawford AuSable Schools, said Superintendent Joe Powers.

Two current initiatives in the district are a focus on writing and the utilization of an adaptive computerized assessment through the Northwest

Evaluation Association. These assessments are conducted in grades K-8 in the fall and spring and are state-aligned computerized adaptive tests that accurately reflect the instructional level for each student and measure growth over time. They provide the teachers with tools to identify achievement gaps, set individualized and classroom goals, and then design individualized instruction. The 6+1 Writing Traits, along with Writers' Workshop, provides the teachers and the students with the tools to be effective communicators, which is essential to higher order thinking.

The Crawford AuSable teachers are now in the process of analyzing the MEAP results to

determine areas of strength and weakness so the growth may continue.

"The CASD Board and administration are proud of their students, teachers and parents, since they have been working together to reach this level of success and are dedicated to continued growth as they watch the students "Grow to Greatness," said Powers, referring to the school district's motto.

For more details, visit the Crawford AuSable School District's web site at www.casdk12.net.

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Disposal expense (to landfill)	=	\$95,004
Other expenses	=	\$39,312

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Total revenues	=	\$84,540

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Grayling Elementary joining forces to fight cancer

Crawford County is ready to Relay and Grayling Elementary has joined forces to help in the fund-raising efforts.

In March, Sandy Baynham's fifth grade class brought in spare change to contribute to Relay For Life. They raised \$144 and did their own mini relay walk. The class walked the halls of Grayling Elementary and the AuSable Primary School for one hour in support of two Relay For Life teams.

During the month of May, three Grayling Elementary School classes are participating in a "Pay to Play" theme. Children in Mrs. Feldhauser, Mr. Winton and Mrs. Johnston's fourth grade classes will have several opportunities to "pay" to do special things. For \$1 kids can have a day to chew gum, have an extra recess, or eat lunch with one of the staff, just to name a few. Two third grade classes are currently planning a "Penny War" to raise money for this cause as well.

"The children are learning about core democratic values and helping out to raise money for cancer research is a great way to learn about the common good. The kids are excited to get involved and help out," said Mary Lynn Robertson, community representative.

This year's Crawford County Relay For Life event will be held on July 19 and 20, from 10

a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Grayling High School Viking track.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is the society's signature fund-raising event, where teams of people camp out overnight, walking laps on a track, socializing and participating in planned activities. Teams can be made up of family, friends, co-workers or community groups.

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Theme park developers say wildfire delayed financing

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based firm, met with Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) officials last month.

Now, officials from the financial company are requesting assessments of the damage caused by the fire before financial commitments for the project are made, said Susan Haddad, spokesperson for the Mainstreet America, Inc.

"When you have a theme park you need the natural landscape as

part of the scenery and that does not exist anymore," Haddad said.

Susan Thiel, the Grayling unit manager for the DNR, said an estimated 390 acres where the theme park is proposed was damaged by the fire.

"Some of the oak will come back, but most of the jack pine on the property is total toast," Thiel said.

The property, where the theme park is proposed, was set aside by the DNR in 2000 for economic development. The CCEDP oversees purchase proposals for the property.

Dozens of officials from Crawford, Roscommon and

Oscoda Counties attended the NRC meeting in April, speaking to the state panel in favor of the sale of land for the project.

Local officials are hopeful that the project will be considered by the NRC at an upcoming meeting.

We look forward to having it on the June agenda," said Gaila Gilliland, the economic development director for CCEDP.

Dave Freed, chief of land and facilities for the DNR, said representatives from various state departments plan to have a meeting on the project this week. Developers are seeking funds from the MEDC and the

Michigan Department of Transportation to help finance road and infrastructure improvements for the project.

"The ball is in their court to get proof of the financing to the MEDC," Freed said.

Developers are proposing that the park would include roller coasters, a race track, a water park, the world's tallest Christmas tree and Ferris wheel, a World War II aircraft carrier and an area where Christmas is celebrated all year long. They said it would create 2,000 jobs, 700 of which would be full-time positions, and would have an annual payroll of \$25 million.

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Vikings split baseball, softball series vs. Traverse City St. Francis

Grayling to host four-team tournament on Saturday

■ **Softball squad defeats Gladiators 9-5 in game one, TCSF wins game two 16-6**

Grayling High School's varsity softball squad split a Lake Michigan Conference doubleheader vs. the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators last Wednesday. The series, which was originally scheduled for Tuesday night in Traverse City, was moved to Grayling due to storm damage to the softball facility in TC.

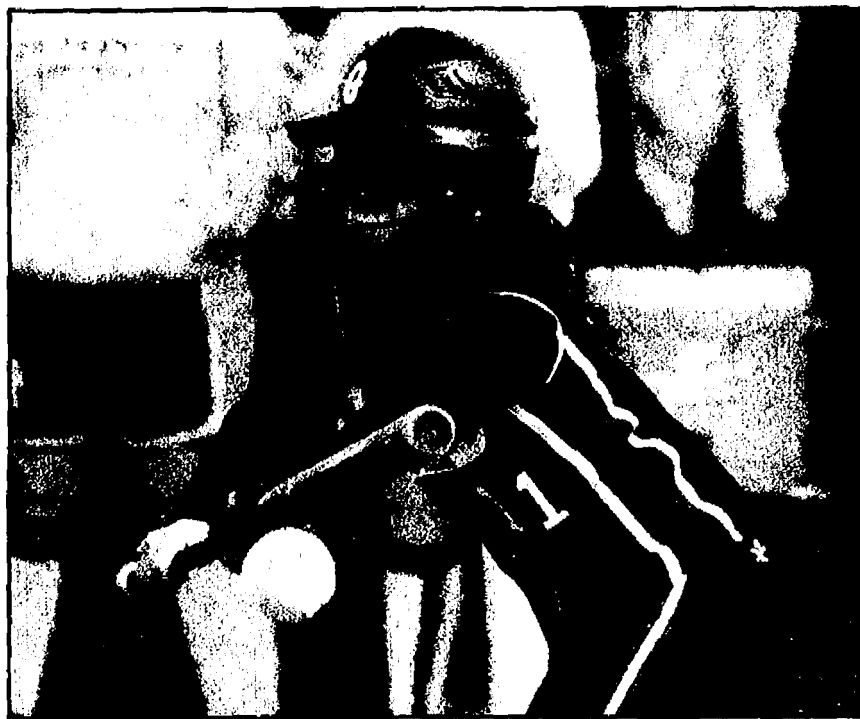
Grayling defeated TCSF 9-5 in game one of the doubleheader.

Joni Bindschatel was the winning pitcher for GHS. She struck out seven batters in six innings, allowing 10 hits and three walks.

Traverse City St. Francis won game two 16-6.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: (game one) Alyssa Lewis, 1 for 4, 1 single, 1 run scored; Sam Schreiber, 3 for 4, 2 singles, 1 triple, 3 RBIs; Bindschatel, 1 for 4, 1 single; Kirstie Wakeley, 1 for 3, 1 single, 2 runs scored; (game two) Lewis, 1 for 3, 1 double, 1 run scored; Cayla Johnson, 1 for 3, triple; Schreiber, 1 for 3, single, 1 run scored; Bindschatel, 1 for 3, 1 double; Megan Etzler, 1 for 3, 1 double; Megan Etzler, 1 for 3, 1 double.

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Rachel Ward hits a drag bunt for the Vikings vs. Traverse City St. Francis.



Left fielder Megan Etzler throws the ball into the infield on Wednesday.



Kelsey Neuberger reaches third base during last week's doubleheader against the TCSF Gladiators.

■ **Baseball team falls 2-1 in first game vs. Traverse City, wins second game 7-4**

The Grayling Vikings and Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators split a varsity baseball doubleheader at Traverse City last Tuesday. The Gladiators won game one of the series 2-1, and Grayling won game two 7-4.

Rich Schreiber pitched a three-hitter for GHS in game one. He finished with eight strikeouts.

Traverse City's pitcher "also pitched a three-hitter and struck out 10. It was a real pitcher's duel," Coach John Schneider said. "(We) had a lot of chances to win. In the first inning, (we) had bases loaded with one out, but couldn't score. In three other innings, (we) had runners on second and third with two outs and couldn't get one across the plate. In the fourth (inning), Josh Stapleton tried to steal home and came up just short."

Taylor Desenfants had two hits in the game for GHS. Eric Ferrigan and Stapleton each had one hit. Andy Hulbert scored Grayling's only run.

Desenfants was the winning pitcher for Grayling in game two. He scattered five hits and
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Golf team finishes 2nd in Grayling Invitational

■ **Vikings also place 2nd in conference meets at Charlevoix and East Jordan**

by Eric Rutter
Special Writer

To kick off the 2008 Grayling High School boys golf season, the team traveled to Boyne City on April 21 to participate in a nine-team Lake Michigan Conference meet. Grayling finished fourth with a score of 182. Traverse City St. Francis won with a score of 165.

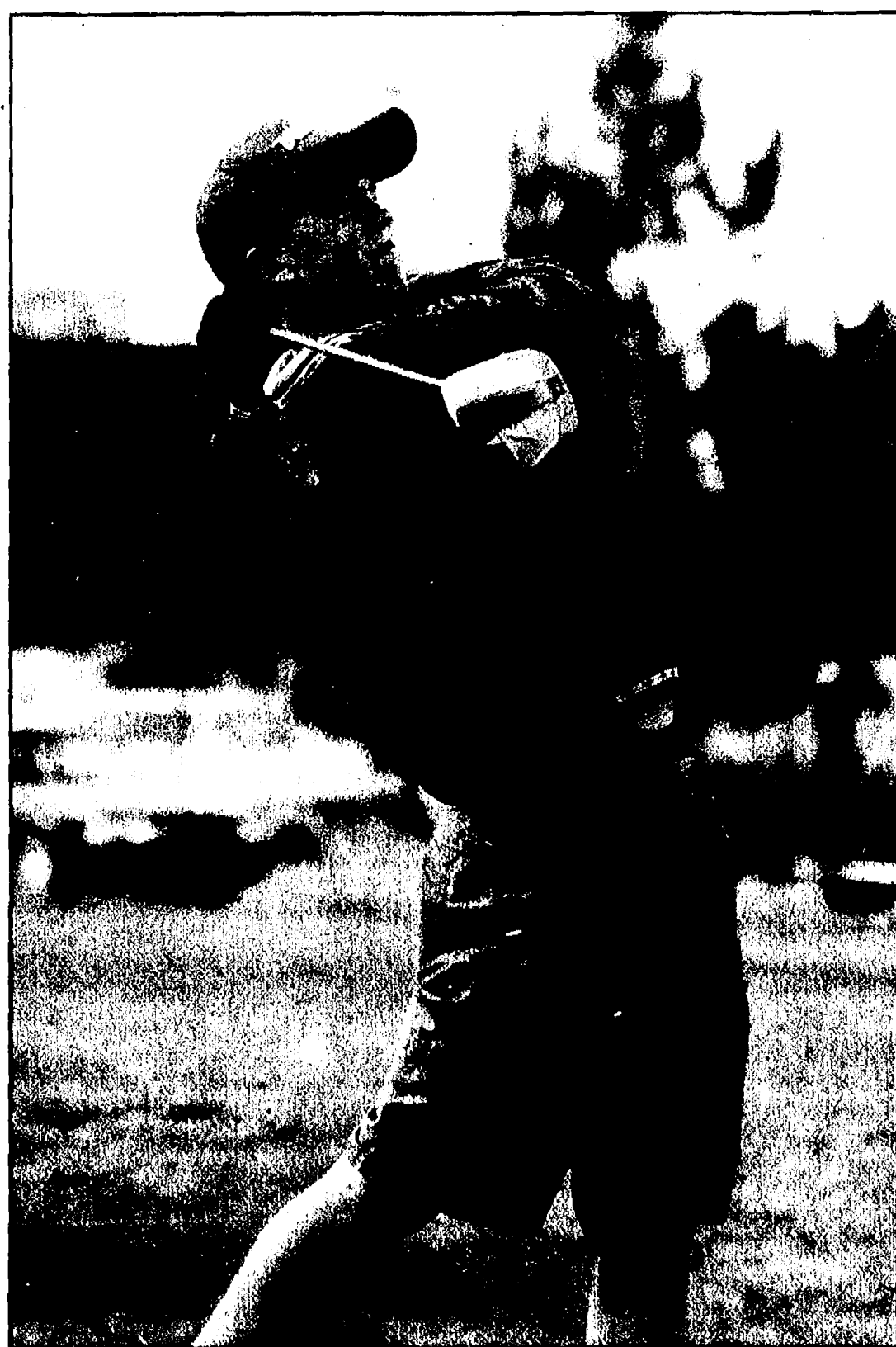
Individual scores for the Vikings were as follows: Rocky McNamara (43), Trent Larm (45), Jason Wilson (45), Taylor Desenfants (49), and Josh Johnson (49).

Two days later, Grayling competed in a conference match at Charlevoix Municipal. Eight teams squared off, with Harbor Springs winning the meet by shooting a 162. Grayling was one stroke off that pace, totaling 163 and finishing in second place.

The top performers for Grayling were: Wilson (39), Johnson (39), and Desenfants (40). McNamara shot 45, Jordan Helsel 46, and Larm 47.

On April 28, GHS took part in an eight-team conference meet at The Mallard Golf Club. Grayling placed second with a score of 166 while fighting off 20 m.p.h. winds on a chilly

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Taylor Desenfants, left, hits a drive for the Vikings on Thursday. Trent Larm, right, putts during the Grayling Invitational.



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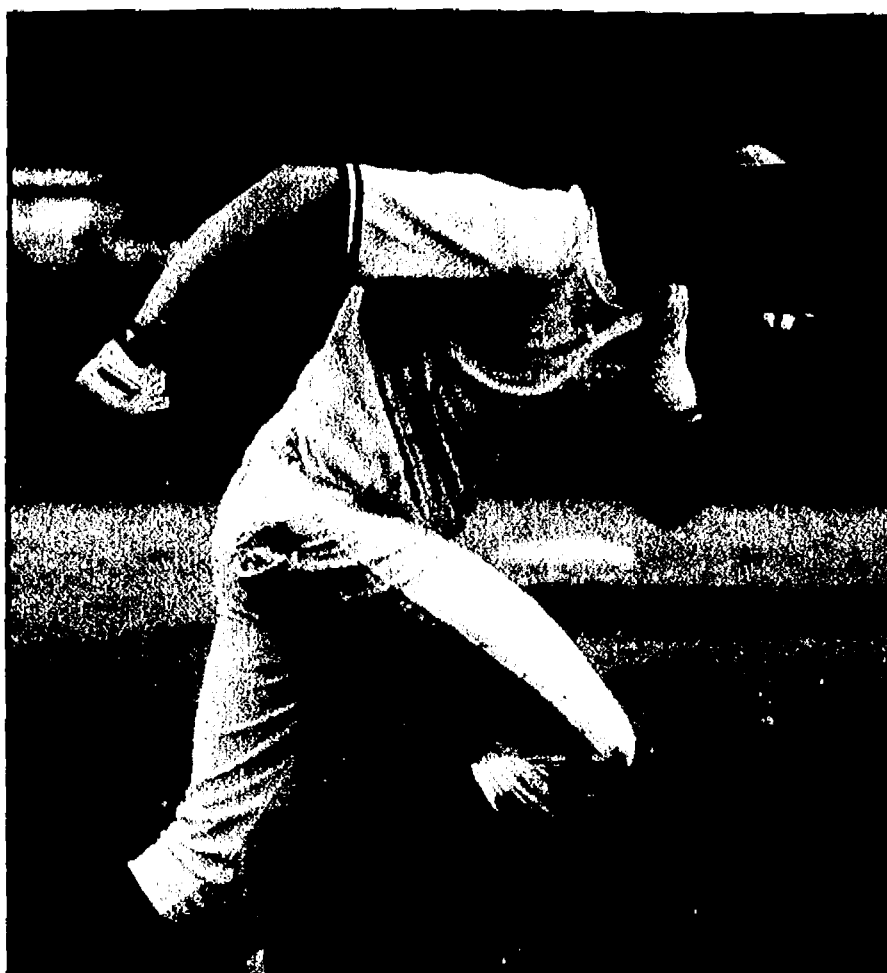
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Ethan Lewis, left, runs from third base to home plate during last Thursday's doubleheader vs. the Tawas Braves. Jake Helsel, right, pitches for Grayling during game one of the Tawas series.

JV baseball team sweeps Tawas

■ Vikings defeat Braves 8-1, 10-0 in series at GHS on Thursday night

The GHS junior varsity baseball team swept the Tawas Braves 8-1, 10-0 in a series played at Grayling High School last Thursday.

Jake Helsel was the winning pitcher for the Vikings in game

one of the doubleheader. Helsel struck out four batters and didn't allow a hit.

Jensen Aubry pitched all four innings for Grayling in game two. He allowed one hit and finished with six strikeouts.

Leading hitters for Grayling in the series were: Tyler Hanson, 3 for 5; Aubry, 2 for 3; Matt Hellebuyck, 2 for 3;

Ethan Lewis, 2 for 4; Zach Wolcott, 2 for 4; Luke Schneider, 2 for 5; Joe Tottingham, 1 for 3.

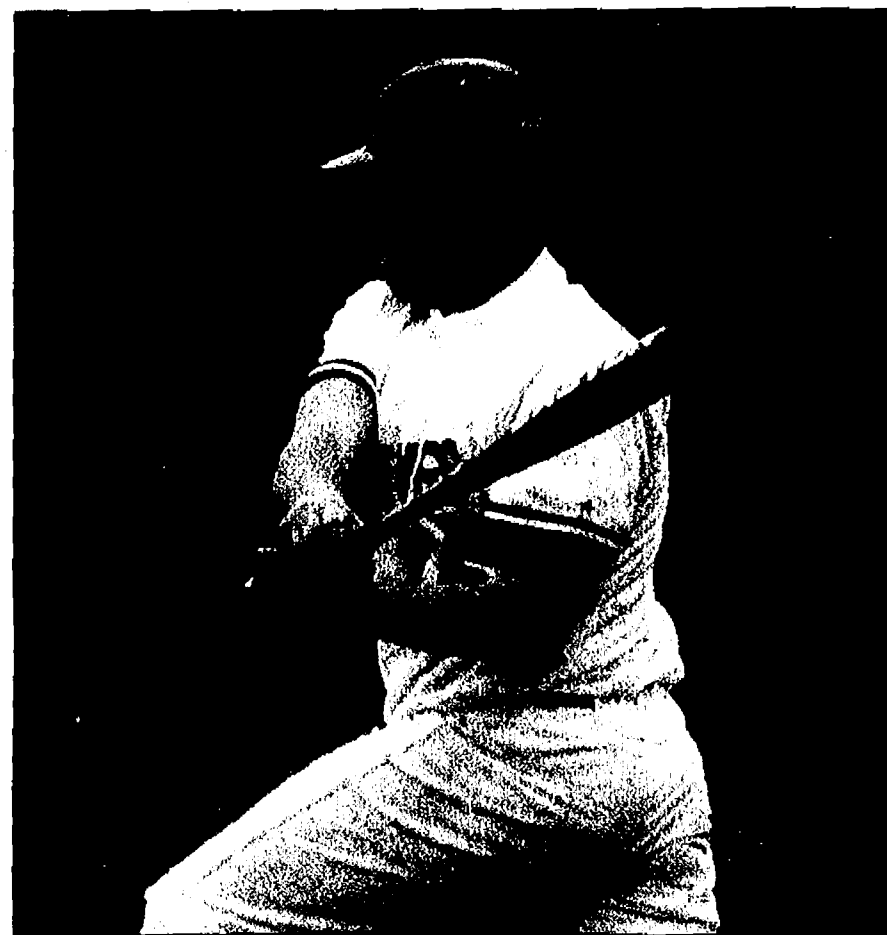
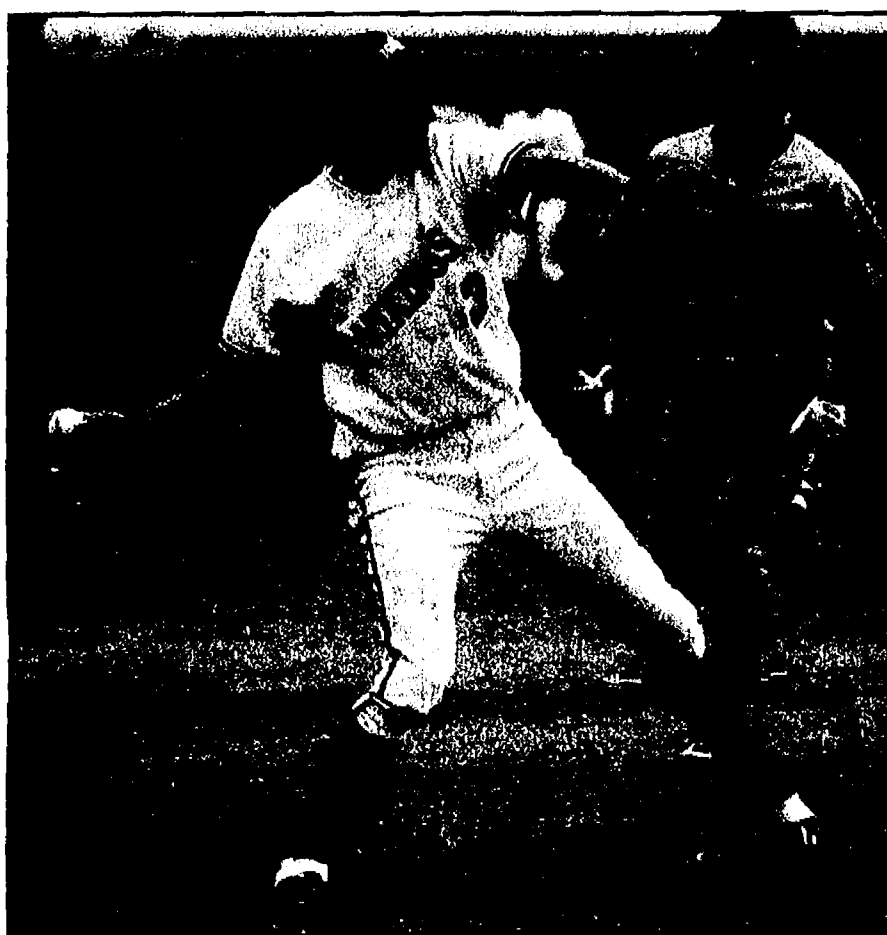
"We just hit the ball really well. Every kid who played scored a run in the doubleheader," Coach Rob Aubry said. "We had some nice defensive plays by Joey Contreras in center field, too."

"With some strong pitching

performances by the two kids, we were able to keep them at bay," Coach Aubry said. "Once the bats came around, we were able to take command."

"Our base running has been good. We've been very aggressive on the base paths," Coach Aubry added.

The Vikings will host Lincoln Alcona at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 8.



Third baseman Tyler Hanson, left, throws to first base after fielding a ground ball. Matt Hellebuyck, right, hits the ball for Grayling during last week's series vs. Tawas.

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HONORS (SPORTS)

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team recently received academic all-state recognition for the 2007-2008 season.

Grayling was one of 10 Michigan teams to earn an academic all-state award in Class B. The squad posted a grade point average of 3.4305. An additional 23 teams earned honorable mentions in Class B with team grade point averages between 3.015 to 3.395.

Wendy's

Viking of the Week



Baseball
Coach: John Schneider
TAYLOR DESENFANTS

Taylor Desenfans was the winning pitcher for Grayling in a 7-4 victory at TCSF last Tuesday. He was 4 for 7 at the plate in the doubleheader. "His record is 2-0 on the season. He has been 'Mr. Consistent' both with the bat and on the mound," his coach said.



Jason Wilson, left, chips onto the green during last Thursday's Grayling Invitational golf meet. Rocky McNamara, right, hits a drive for Grayling on Thursday.



Golf team finishes 2nd in Grayling Invitational



Photos by Caleb Casey

Jordan Helsel putts for the Vikings during last week's Grayling Invitational.

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afternoon. Harbor Springs took first, shooting a 162.

"The conditions were difficult, with temperatures in the high 30s and 20 to 25 mile per hour winds," said Coach Mark Rutter. "I was really proud of the scores our team posted under those conditions."

The Vikings scored as follows: McNamara (39), Wilson (41), Helsel (42), Larm (44), Desenfants (44), and Johnson (45).

On Thursday, May 1, the Vikings hosted a five-team invitational at the Grayling Country Club. Grayling recorded its third straight second place finish, shooting 336 over 18 holes. Traverse City-St. Francis took home the win with a 331.

Grayling's scores included: McNamara (80, tournament best), Larm (81), Desenfants (86), Johnson (89), Doug Gothro (90), and Wilson (94).

Last Saturday, Grayling competed in an invitational hosted by Harbor Springs at The Moor at

Boyne Highlands. Grayling came in fourth out of seven teams with a score of 380. Charlevoix won the match with a total of 333. Grayling was led by Desenfants (88).

"I'm really pleased with the results our team has posted this season, considering the youth on our roster," said Coach Rutter. "With three sophomores consistently competing in the tournaments, the future of our program looks strong."

The Vikings will compete in the Ogemaw Invitational on May 8.

Vikings compete in Garner Relays

The Garner Relays, a track event hosted by Harrison High School on April 25, helped the Grayling Vikings prepare for their upcoming regional track meet, the squad's coach said.

"This was a good meet for us," Coach Matt Collins said. "We had some strong performances in this meet. Meets like this are fun as a runner. Our team understands that the meets before regionals are just days of speed work, and our real meet is

regionals - that is what we are training for. We were able to see a team, Kingsley, which will be in our regional, so that was good for us as athletes and as a coach for scouting."

Teams from Gladwin, Harrison, Roscommon, and Farwell also competed at the event.

Isaac VanNuck took first place overall in the high jump with a leap of 6'4". Matt Letts posted a solid finish in the shot put event

with a throw of 43'9".

"Matt Letts did a great job today throwing. He is really coming on in the shot put, and so is Isaac VanNuck in the high jump. The team has been working really hard in practice, and it is starting to pay off for them," Coach Collins said.

The Vikings will compete in the East Jordan Invitational on May 8. The squad's regional tournament is scheduled for May 17 at Benzie Central.

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Kirstie Wakeley, left, reaches third base during last Wednesday's series vs. Traverse City St. Francis. Third baseman Cayla Johnson, right, throws home for a force out vs. TCSF on Wednesday.

Vikings split softball series vs. Traverse City St. Francis

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3, 1 single, 1 run scored; Kelsey Neuberger, 1 for 2, 1 single, 1 run scored, 1 stolen base; Monica Peters, 1 for 3, 1 single; Wakeley, 2 for 2, 2 singles.

"We started to put some things together this week, picking up a key victory against St. Francis in league play. We hit the ball hard and strung our hits together. Joni pitched a great game, striking out seven, and our defense backed her up," Coach Keri Brock said.

The Vikings won one game and lost two at Saturday's St. Louis Tournament.

Grayling defeated Saranac 9-3.

Bindschatel pitched six innings for Grayling. She scattered two hits and six walks, and picked up the win. She finished with five strikeouts.

Grayling's hitting leaders included: Lewis, 2 for 4, 2 singles, 4 RBIs; Johnson, 1 for 4, 1 single, 1 run scored; Schreiber, 2 for 2, 1 home run, 1 single, 2 RBIs, 1 run, 1 walk, 1 stolen base; Wakeley, 1 for 1, 1 single, 2 walks, 3 runs scored.

The Vikings fell to St. Louis 13-8.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: Schreiber, 1 for 3, 1 single, 1 RBI; Etzler, 1 for 3, 1 single, 1 run scored; Peters, 1 for 3, 1 sin-

gle, 2 RBIs; Neuberger, 2 for 3, 2 singles, 1 run scored, 1 RBI, 1 stolen base; Wakeley, 1 for 3, 1 single, 1 stolen base.

Grayling lost to Bath by a final score of 10-0 at the St. Louis Tournament.

Johnson, Schreiber, and Wakeley each had one hit for Grayling.

"Sam Schreiber set the tone against Saranac with a two-run home run in the first inning. We never looked back, adding runs in the second, third, and fifth innings," Coach Brock said. "Things started out well against St. Louis. We jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the first and played

pretty well defensively until the final inning. St. Louis started to hit the ball and took advantage of errors that cost us an 8-4 lead. We were unable to try and stage a comeback due to time limit."

The Vikings (4-14 overall, 3-5 league) will host a tournament on Saturday, May 10, at Grayling High School. Grayling will play Mio at 10 a.m. and Gladwin will play Harrison at noon. The two losing teams will play at 2 p.m., and the championship game will be held at 4 p.m. A concession stand will be available. There will be a \$3 admission fee - season passes are not valid for this event.

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JV softball squad falls to Gaylord

The GHS junior varsity softball team fell to the Gaylord Blue Devils 22-7, 23-4 in a double-header at Grayling High School on April 24.

Leading hitters for Grayling were: (game one) Ashley Jensen, 2 for 3, 2 singles; Teresa Schreiber, 1 for 2, 1 double; Jordan Stephan, 1 for 2, 1 single; (game two) Schreiber, 1 for 2, triple; Jensen, 1 for 2, 1 double; Abbey Thomas, 1 for 2, 1 single, 1 RBI; Alexis Peck, 1 for 2, 1 single, 1 RBI; Kristy Petrosky, 1 for 1, 1 single.

"The girls played hard, but the basic fundamentals are still needing improvement. Fielding is the biggest area - too many costly mistakes equates to points being given up," said Assistant Coach Sean Kelly. "There was less errors in this game, and the girls' motivation seemed to vastly alter in a tremendously good way. The batting was great, and the girls really played their hearts out."

The Vikings will host Lincoln Alcona on Thursday, May 8, at 4:30 p.m.



Ashley Jensen pitches for Grayling during last week's series vs. Tawas.



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Wendy's

Viking of the Week



Softball
Coach: Keri Brock
JONI BINDSCHATEL

"Joni picked up two pitching victories this week, beating Traverse City St. Francis and Saranac. She gave up four earned runs and struck out 12 in the two contests," her coach said.

LEGAL ACTION

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Emalyne Masella, A Single Woman
to
Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2005 and recorded June 6, 2005 in Liber 675 Page 780 and re-recorded February 21, 2008 in Liber 690, Page 362 in Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-0PT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-0PT2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty-One Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$103,241.20) including interest 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00 AM on May 21, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 86.5 feet of the Southeast one-quarter and the South 33 feet of the West 86.5 feet of the Northeast one-quarter of Lot 5, Block 4, Martha M. Brink's 1st Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 15, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 103 Date St, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241(c), whichever is later.

Dated: APRIL 11, 2008 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-0PT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-0PT2,

Assignee of Mortgage
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gerald A. Balmes and Vivian D. Balmes of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank successor in interest to Old Kent Bank dated the 6th day of October, A.D. 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 12th day of October, A.D. 2000, Liber 520 Page 345 of Crawford Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$25,102.62 (twenty-five thousand one hundred two and 62/100) plus accrued interest at 10.350% (ten point three five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 28th day of May, A.D., 2008, at 10:00:00 AM o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Beaver Creek, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, Michigan:
PARCEL 30: A parcel of land being part of the East 1/2 of Section 8, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 8, thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 29 seconds West, 299.59 feet; thence South 80 degrees 52 minutes 01 seconds West, 203.78 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes 29 seconds West, 202.85 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 48 minutes 29 seconds West, 200.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 12 minutes 41 seconds East, 310.25 feet; thence North 81 degrees 17 minutes 42 seconds East, 203.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 12 minutes 41 seconds West, 341.65 feet to the point of beginning.

Commonly known as: Lot 30 Balmes Trail
PPN: 050-008-013-020-30

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Dated: May 1, 2008

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By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by RICKY A. REED, a/k/a RICKY ARLEE REED, a single man, Mortgagor, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated August 9, 2005, and recorded August 10, 2005, in Liber 676, Page 688, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice the sum of Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty and 83/100 Dollars (\$26,150.83), including interest at 13.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 161, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 4, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 37, Crawford County Records, including all improvements attached thereto.

Commonly known as 401 Alexia Lane, Grayling, MI 49738
Tax ID: 20-040-45-283-00-161-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: April 9, 2008

First National Bank of America
Mortgagee
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-17-24-1-8-15

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frank A. Antonini, Jr., and Sandra L. Antonini, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated August 24, 2006, and recorded on September 7, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 991, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty And 54/100 Dollars (\$353,940.54), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 28, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, thence North 1 degrees 06 minutes West 1781.73 feet along Section line; thence North 53 degrees 31 minutes East 134.1 feet; thence South 25 degrees 40 minutes East 25.00 feet along center of Twin Bridge Road to the point of Beginning; thence

North 53 degrees 31 minutes East 785.75 feet, thence South 27 degrees 06 minutes 40 seconds West 201.29 feet on Traverse line along the Westerly Bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River, thence South 20 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds West 120.25 feet along said traverse line; thence South 51 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds West 537.50 feet, thence North 25 degrees 40 minutes West 175.0 feet along center of Twin Bridge Road to the point of beginning. Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Lot Lines extend to the Waters Edge.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 24, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dale A. Cox and Christine G. Cox, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to First National Bank of Grayling, Mortgagee, dated January 10, 2003, and recorded on January 21, 2003 in Liber 616 on Page 544, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Seven And 11/100 Dollars (\$87,127.11), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 21, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel D-1: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West. Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 11, thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West, along the West line of said Section, 998.99 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 53 seconds East, 691.25 feet; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West, 332.52 feet to the North 1/8 line of said section; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 17 seconds West, along said North 1/8 line, 691.25 feet to the West line of said section; thence North 00 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East, along said West section line, 333.20 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to and together with a 30 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of public utilities, said easement lying 15 feet either side of the centerline described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West, along the West line of said Section, 1332.19 feet to the North 1/8 line of said section; thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 17 seconds East, along said North 1/8 line, 691.25 feet; thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East, 55.41 feet to the Point of Beginning of the centerline of said 30 foot wide easement; thence along said centerline the following two courses: South 78 degrees 20 minutes 22 seconds West, 196.09 feet; thence North 88 degrees 10 minutes 02 seconds West, 339.22 feet to the centerline of an existing North-South trail road and the Point of Ending.

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Dated: April 17, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Victor D. King and Althea J. King, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 23, 2007, and recorded on May 1, 2007 in Liber 686 on Page 729, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Seven And 66/100 Dollars (\$61,337.66), including interest at 7.642% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on June 11, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 9, Millikin's North River Subdivision, Grayling Township, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 26, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 8, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Stephen Scheid, a married man and joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship and Michelle L. Scheid, a married woman, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 5, 2005, and recorded on August 18, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 863, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EverHome Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Four And 76/100 Dollars (\$84,364.76), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on June 11, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 49 and the East 1/2 of Lot 50, Clough's Highland Acres,

Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 65, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 8, 2008

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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #145005F02

-8-15-22-29

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jack Vaughn and Dorothy Vaughn, husband and wife as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Arbor Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2005, and recorded on June 24, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 52, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen And 69/100 Dollars (\$11,916.69), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 28, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds West along the West line of said Section 2325.15 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds East 901.81 feet; thence South 10 degrees 38 East 229 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds West 946.04 feet to the West line of said Section; thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East 225 feet to the Point of Beginning, this parcel runs to the centerline of Kolka Creek.

Parcel 2: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, described as: commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 11; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 39 seconds West, along the West line of said Section 2549.93 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 51 seconds East 872.32 feet; thence South 09 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds East 114.45 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 54 seconds West, 892.91 feet to the West line of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds East along the West line 112.21 feet to the Point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 24, 2008

For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302

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Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #198807F01

-24-1-8-15

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE BY ADVERTISEMENT OF ABANDONED PROPERTY PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3241(a)

THE PREPARER OF THIS NOTICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Kenneth J. Ross and Laura Ann Ross, husband and wife, of 11685 N E 223rd Place, Ft. McCoy, FL 32134, Mortgagors, to Firstbank West Branch, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 1996, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on February 25, 1997, at Liber 425 Pages 534-539, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due hereof the sum of Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Eight and 12/100 (\$45,848.12) Dollars including interest at 7.75% percent per annum

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan; NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, in the main entrance of the County Courthouse in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due in principal and interest on the mortgage and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the mortgaged premises described as follows.

A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 32, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, commencing at the Northwest corner of same and running thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on the Section line 624.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East 294.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East 150.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West 294.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West 150.0 feet to the point of beginning.

Street Address: 11655 Steckert Bridge Road, Roscommon

The redemption period pursuant to MCLA 600.3241(a) shall be thirty days (30) from the date of the sale. During the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, unless the mortgagor or anyone claiming under the mortgagor shall comply with the provisions of 1948 MCLA 600.3241a (c), in which case the property may be redeemed during the six (6) months immediately following the sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale plus interest, any unpaid encumbrances on the property, and any advances paid by the Mortgagee. For additional information, contact Danny Gallagher, Firstbank West Branch, of 502 W. Houghton Ave., PO Box 335, West Branch, Michigan 48661, or the preparer of this Notice.

Dated: April 4, 2008
JUÁREZ & JUÁREZ, PC
Attorneys For Mortgagee
132 South Eighth
West Branch, MI 48661
(989) 345-0601

-24-1-8-15

Grayling Charter Township seeks applicants for Planning Commission

The Grayling Charter Township Board of Trustees is now accepting applications for the position of planning commission member. Planning Commissioners are responsible for planning and deciding all land-use issues in the township, including the Master Plan and various ordinances. The commission normally meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, at 7 p.m., in the township boardroom.

Planning commission members may also be asked to meet in special sessions on other occasions, and periodically will be asked to attend special training seminars, which may be held in neighboring communities. Commissioners receive a per-diem stipend plus mileage for their work.

Planning Commissioners must be residents of Grayling Township.

Please submit your resume with a cover letter stating your wishes to be a planning commissioner to: Terry Wright, Supervisor, Grayling Charter Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

Terry Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

Public Notice

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
May 9, 1985

On April 20, a Grayling High School group, composed of sophomores Kirk Day, Chris Helton and Keith Whaley, senior Pete Huss and freshman Matt Klempp, and led by their seasoned coach Tom Mills, competed in the annual Brainstorm competition in Elk Rapids during their Academic Festival. The Grayling team, being undefeated for the day's competition, was tied with Traverse City for total combined points. The last match between Traverse City and Grayling was for all the marbles in the categories of English and Social Studies. The Grayling team fell behind the Traverse City team, mostly in the areas of English literature, specifically Shakespeare.

The Grayling Vikings baseball team pounded Onaway with the most effective one-two punch combination in baseball - good hitting and good pitching. The team smacked 22 hits and scored 31 runs in a 17-4 and a 14-5 sweep on Onaway.

For the first time in history the Grayling American Business Women's Association named two business leaders as Co-Bosses of the year. Veterinarians Dr. Wayne Casler and Dr. Paul Mesack, partners in the Grayling Hospital for Animals, were honored for their outstanding qualities in creating

an environment for their employees that is more than just a work place.

Two opposing petitions have surfaced in Grayling concerning no-kill regulations for a stretch of the AuSable River mainstream from Burton's Landing to Wakeley Bridge. The first petition, initiated by Tom Opre Detroit Free Press outdoor writer, supports no-kill regulations for the part of the river also called the Holy Water. The second petition, being circulated at Down River Pines, Skip's Sport Shop, the Cedar Motel and Newberry's Mini-Mart in Frederic, opposes no-kill regulations and supports a creel limit on this part of the river.

GHS juniors Jeff Martinez, George Duncan and Bob Fitzgerald will be attending Boys State at MSU June 13-19. The American Legion, Rotary and Kiwanis are each sponsoring a student.

46 Years Ago
May 10, 1962

The appointment of Richard Huber, as manager of the A&P store on Michigan Avenue in Grayling, was announced. He will succeed Robert Sattler, who was promoted to manager of the company's store in Mt. Pleasant.

Eight friends helped Vivian Lautt celebrate her seventh birthday on May 5. Her guests included Brian Pratt, Randy Sajdak, Forest Newberry, Red Weaver,

Mitzi Riggs, Karen Partello, Mari Ann and Marci Kaiser. They enjoyed a weiner roast and played games.

On Thursday, the sixth grade will go to Greenfield Village accompanied by their teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Westervelt, Mr. and Mrs. Yorty, and parents Mrs. Melvin Marshall, Mrs. Emery Bebow, Mrs. Jack Wilson, Mrs. Burton McWilliams, Les Hunter, Mrs. Gilford Johnson, Robert Springs and Don Jansen. Kip Papendick will drive the school bus that will transport the 47 children and adults to Dearborn. The group will stay the night at the old Edison Institute building.

Still minus the senior members, Grayling won a three team track meet at the Grayling Memorial Recreation Area, scoring 52 points to 47.5 for Kalkaska and 36.5 for Gaylord. Scoring firsts for Grayling were Norman Bancroft in the mile run, John Howe in the 100 yard dash, Tom Tyron in shot put, David Jackson in the broad jump and Jim Young and Norman Bancroft tied for first in pole vault.

Fern Failing, Boots Balch, Betty Leslie, Jean Rasmussen and Gloria Nielon bowled in the Drewry's tournament in Flint on Sunday.

Thane Hendershot returned last week from Ormond Beach, Fla., where he had been on business connected with Animal Land. While he was there, an elephant was purchased for the Florida layout and an 11-foot alligator was captured for the alligator pit.

It was captured right on the Animal Land property. The Bob LaMottes will run the business this year.

William Kellogg has resigned from the Avalanche to work for Leland Marshall. Melvin Bankov, of Gaylord, and a graduate in printing from the Michigan Rehabilitation Center in Pine Lake, is filling the position.

69 Years Ago
May 11, 1939

The Grayling High School baseball team defeated Roscommon 11-9 last Friday at Roscommon.

The Dawson store looks like a new place with its new, modern 22-foot low counter. In front of it are red leather, chromium plated round stools. The fountain, and other equipment, are now against the wall making it convenient for serving and comfortable for the customers.

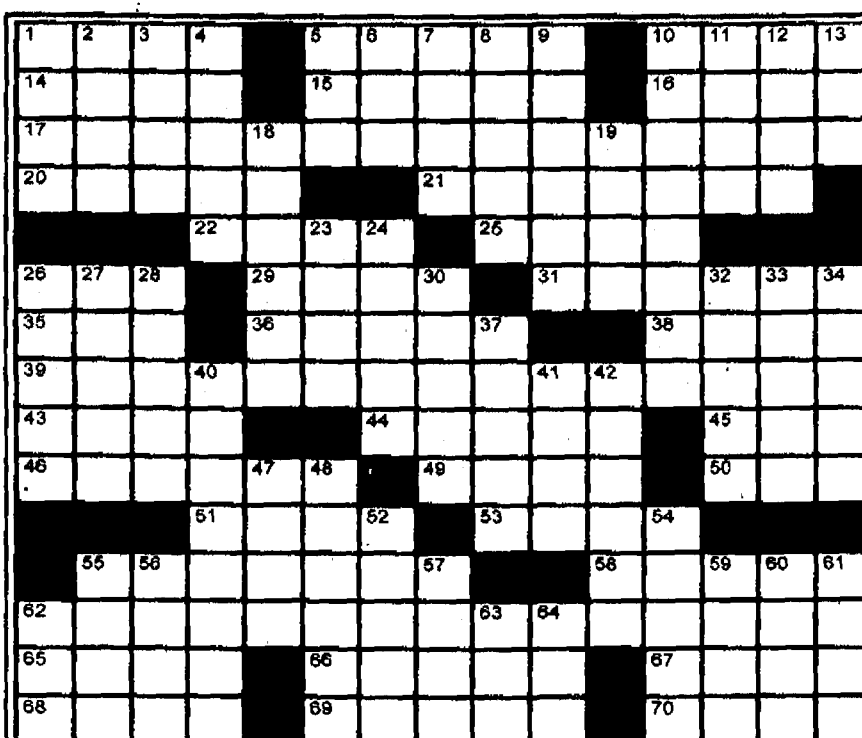
92 Years Ago
May 11, 1916

Wilford Cameron is the new barber at the Efner Matson barber shop.

John Olson has disposed of his old familiar dray horse, that he has driven on our streets for more than 20 years, and purchased the horse driven lately by John Isenhauer.

John Larson has moved his saloon business to the Chris Hanson building on the corner of Michigan and Cedar Street.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Hawk's opposite
5. Animal with a snout
10. Annoyance
14. Original matter
15. Bullying, e.g.
16. Internal
17. Exhibiting magnetism produced by electric charge in motion
20. Harder to find
21. Nostrum
22. "___ on Down the Road"
25. Bills, e.g.
26. Babysitter's handful
29. Its motto is "Industry"
31. Camp defended by a circular formation of wagons
35. ___ juice (milk)
36. Tablelands
38. Amble
39. Film made by photographing a series of cartoon drawings
43. Apple variety
44. Baggy
45. Calypso offshoot
46. That which is educed
49. "O Sanctissima," e.g.
50. Moray, e.g.
51. 2:00 or 3:00
53. Beach item
55. Keeps hair in place
58. Express
62. Basic crop
65. Pudding fruit
66. Downy duck
67. Domesticated bovine animals
68. A chorus line
69. Cantankerous
70. "___ quam vident" (North Carolina's motto)

Down

1. Textile worker
2. ___ podrida
3. Swerve
4. Host
5. Toni Morrison's "___ Baby"
6. ___ system
7. Hose site
8. Bartender on TV's Pacific Princess
9. Pertaining to the reign of a monarch
10. Circular chart
11. A chip, maybe
12. Hip bones
13. Big Apple initials
18. Kind of center
19. Astronaut's insignia
23. Leave in, as text
24. Artist's stand
26. Candidate's concern
27. Atom with a valence of one
28. WWI soldier
30. Wore
32. Stir up, in a way
33. Arouse
34. Kidney-related
37. Inside info
40. Exaggerated masculinity
41. Fishing, perhaps
42. Experience again
47. Spelling of "Beverly Hills 90210"
48. Clichéd movie ending
52. Adjust, as laces
54. English empiricist philosopher
55. Naval base?
56. Adjoin
57. "Bill & ___ Excellent Adventure" astatgroup
59. Western blue flag, e.g.
60. Bamboozles
61. Fencing sword
62. Maidenhead, for one
63. After expenses
64. Bawl

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Chocolate Chip Shortbread Cookies

Prep Time: 20 Min
Bake Time: 25 to 30 Min

- 1 cup butter (no substitutes), softened
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 cup corn starch
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon sugar

Mix butter, brown sugar and vanilla thoroughly using an electric mixer. Gradually blend in flour and corn starch. Add chocolate chips. Form into 1-inch balls and place on ungreased baking sheets. Pour sugar on a small plate; dip bottom of drinking glass in sugar and gently press down on each cookie to flatten. Press center of each cookie with tip of a teaspoon (creating a small crescent-shaped indentation design). Bake in a preheated 300° F oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until bottoms begin to brown. Cool for 5 minutes; remove to a wire rack to cool completely. Lightly sprinkle additional sugar on top of cookies while cooling, if desired. Recipe note: For European-style shortbread, turn dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth, about 2 minutes. Pat into a 1/3-inch thick rectangle measuring 11 x 8-inches. Cut into 2 x 1-inch strips. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets. Prick with a fork. Bake as above.

Makes 3 - 3 1/2 Dozen Cookies

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

AMABLE	CHARMING	CORRAL	DELIGHTFUL
GENEROUS	GENIAL	GOOD	GRACIOUS
KIND	LIKEABLE	NICE	PLEASANT

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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HIDDEN PICTURE

Color in each space that contains a letter.

ADOPT A PET

Xena

Xena is a beautiful 2 year old mixed breed dog. She gets along well with other dogs and cats. Xena is housebroken and has had some training. This pretty brindle and white dog could be the girl of your dreams.

Please join the shelter staff and animals as they celebrate Adopt-A-Pet day on Saturday April 26th from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Visit us at: www.ausablenvalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

HOROSCOPES

For the week of May 8, 2008

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19
All kidding aside, Capricorn. A young friend is in dire straits and could use your level head. Be careful at work. A disaster is just waiting to happen.

ARIES
March 21-April 19
Everything happens for a reason, Aries, and you must keep that belief close to your heart as you face the trials ahead. What appears to be bleak may actually be a blessing.

CANCER
June 22-July 22
Uh-uh-uh, Cancer. You have played that card one too many times and your friends are onto you. You need to change tactics. A business meeting goes well.

LIBRA
September 23-October 22
Opposition is fierce at work, Libra, and you must battle the odds to secure approval for an idea. Push forward with all your might and you will succeed.

AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18
Think something is missing in your life, Aquarius? This is the week to do some soul searching and find out what it might be. An old letter may provide a clue.

TAURUS
April 20-May 20
Hmph, Taurus. Just when you thought there was nothing you couldn't do, someone gets in your way. Don't steamroll past them. What they have to say is important.

LEO
July 23-August 22
Feel like you're all alone in the world, Leo? You're not. Your family and friends have not deserted you. They're simply busy and you could help them out.

SCORPIO
October 23-November 21
Oops, Scorpio. You open your mouth and insert foot once too many times. Make amends quickly. A lapse in communication causes some confusion at work.

GEMINI
May 21-June 21
What a relief, Gemini. A health crisis averts itself. Go out with friends to celebrate. A moonlight job alleviates financial worries and sets you on the right track.

VIRGO
August 23-September 22
Rush a decision, Virgo, and you may live to regret it. A financial proposition deserves more than a brief glance. Do your homework before you sign on the dotted line.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21
Way to go, Sagittarius. A mission impossible at home turns into a complete success with some hard work. A newspaper clipping alleviates stress.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast						
Date	H	L	Rain	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
4/29	47	25	0							
4/30	43	20	0	High 57	High 62	High 60	High 60	High 59	High 62	
5/1	54	20	0	Low 36	Low 36	Low 37	Low 40	Low 42	Low 41	
5/2	63	29	1.02	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	AM Cloudy/PM Sun	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	
5/3	61	44	0.73							
5/4	64	33	0.02							
5/5	61	33	0							

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$8.00 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$6.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE: 1560 sq. ft. (asking mid seventies), 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, 2 car garage detached, new back deck 10'x29', also enclosed 10'x20' front porch, 2 storage sheds, plus 4+ acres on M-72 East, Grayling. 989-390-1680. (LRS/29/08/1)

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

1. Real Estate

REAL ESTATE. Hard working, trustworthy & reliable realtor. Are you buying or selling? Call Charlotte Bloomquist, Century 21, 989-390-1393. (sgf-8-15/1)

RIVERFRONT HOME- 3 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace, great views! Walkout basement has family room/fireplace w/wood insert, 2 bedrooms (office, den?) laundry, storage. 2-car attached. Large pole building, 348-8524. (3/20/08tf/1)

1. Real Estate

THIS AUSABLE RIVER HOME has over 175 feet of river frontage, and is only 25 feet from the river. You can fly fish from the 750 square foot wrap-around deck. Enjoy this 2,175 square foot 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located on the east branch, 1 mile north of Mercy hospital. Featuring a full sized kitchen, living room, finished walkout basement, fireplace, hot tub, large cedar sauna and much more. The manicured lawn is watered from an underground sprinkler system and looks like a well maintained golf course. Price has been reduced from \$239,500 down to \$199,500. Lets talk. Call 989-348-2083 for showing by owner. (3/13/08tf/1)



Many possibilities for this prime located property in downtown Grayling. Professional office space with room for 4 offices plus meeting room for retail. Newly remodeled in 2007 and wheelchair accessible. #5964 \$135,900

Call
Pete Kocenas
Century 21
RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE
989-344-1800
Grayling

1. Real Estate

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 2 x6, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, with private access to mainstream AuSable, 5 miles east of Grayling, \$109,000. 348-4840. (-17-24-1-8/1)

RARE HIGGINS LAKE HOME, building site 75x100. Lakeside corner of 10656 West Higgins Lake Drive & Swanson Ave. Proximity to lake \$50,000. Land contract with 20% down. 231-779-9980. (-24-1-8-15-22-29/1)

AUSABLE RIVER - 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on 2 1/2 +/- acres, 165' river front, detached garage and 12'x14' storage building. Newly remodeled. Deck only 50' from river. \$129,900. 989-348-3130. (-8-15-22/1)

HOBBY FARM FOR SALE. 37.5 fenced acres, idyllic country setting, surrounded by state land and trails; 2 barns, one with heated tack room; 2 feed/storage structures. 2300 sq. ft. Cape style, cedar sided home in excellent condition with attached garage/bonus room/large deck. 3 br, 2 bath, hot tub, large yard, stone fireplace, \$320,000. Call 989-344-1678. (-1-8-15-22-29/1)

MOBILE HOME 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE. Three bedroom, two bath tri-level, recently updated, adjacent to nature preserve in quiet subdivision. All appliances, nearly new. Attached garage plus two stall garage, paved driveways. 232 Woodmere Ct., Roscommon. Priced reduced, \$132,000. Call 989-275-4548. (-8/1)

BANK REPO- near the Manistee River, 4 bedroom, 2 bath with pole barn on paved road. Crawford schools. \$50,850. Call Bob 231-392-8686. (-8/1)

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

OFFICE SPACE in Roscommon, great location. \$475 per month, plus utilities. 989-348-2466, AuSable Rentals. (1/10/08tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

FOR RENT, two bedroom home located at 303 S. 5th Street in Roscommon, \$450 per month, plus utilities and deposit. No pets! Contact Northwoods Rentals. 989-344-8787. (-8-15/2)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom apartment in town; \$485 a month. Rent includes heat and water; references and security deposit required. Phone 989-619-9689 for more info. (-1-8/2)

TWO-BEDROOM DUPLEXES remodeled, all new, floors, cabinets, walls, appliances, laundry hook-up etc. Nonsmokers please, \$495. 700 B Park St. and 8110 Insley Ave. 348-2178. (5/8/08tf/2)

LOG HOME, beautiful large secluded on East Branch surrounded by Hartwick Pines. \$700 month, available the end of May. 563-370-5104. (-8-15-22/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE with garage, washer/dryer, and appliances. \$450 per month plus deposit. No pets, 348-2418. (-8-15/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, close to 75, Maple Forrest, \$900-300 security. 989-344-0309. (-24-1-8-15-22/2)

HOME FOR RENT, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Security deposit, + utilities - no pets, 989-348-8621. (-1-8/2)

FOR RENT 1 bedroom mobile and 2 bedroom home. Ausable Rentals 989-348-2466. (5/1/08tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM, 1 1/2 garage. 1245 West Bear Lake Rd. \$575, pets negotiable. Perfect for retiree or single mom. Cell-leads message, 810-338-3755. (-8-15-22-29/2)

2 BEDROOMS, 308 Mikado, \$530 including heat & water, 760-567-5536 or 989-348-8793. (-8-15/2)

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CRB, GRI, CRS, ABR

NEW LISTING



GREAT VIEW AND VERY CLOSE TO SELKIRK LAKE Cozy cabin with 595 s.f., one bedroom and one bath. Large enclosed front porch. CH-2688 \$24,000

NEW LISTING



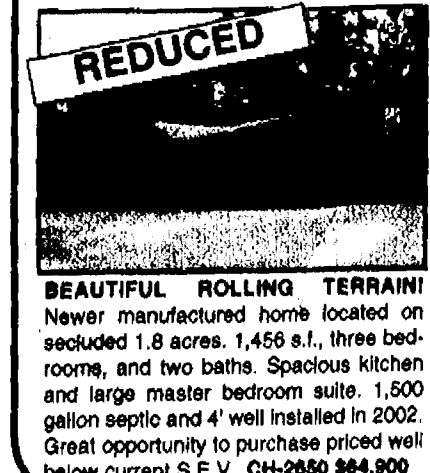
5 ACRES WITHIN ONE MILE OF THE AUSABLE RIVER Close to state land. Great cabin, starter or retirement home located close to prime fishing waters. 1,000 s.f. home featuring two bedrooms, one bath and partial basement. Recent updates include: roof, kitchen, siding, windows, laminate flooring, septic and drain field. Attached garage, enclosed breezeway, screen porch and circle drive. CH-2686 \$99,900

NEW LISTING



40 ACRES OF HARDWOODS Beautiful hardwoods with rolling terrain. Excellent hunting property. Pond established to entice the wildlife and food plots ready for planting. Over 1,500 pine seedlings planted in 2003. Land contract terms available. CH-2684 \$98,900 Adjoining 42 acres available. CH-2685 \$99,900

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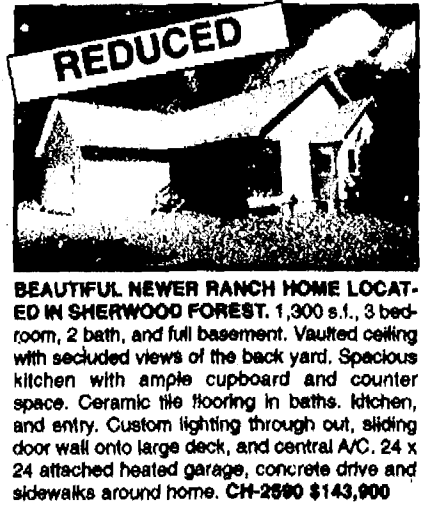


BEAUTIFUL ROLLING TERRAIN! Newer manufactured home located on secluded 1.8 acres. 1,456 s.f., three bedrooms, and two baths. Spacious kitchen and large master bedroom suite. 1,500 gallon septic and 4' well installed in 2002. Great opportunity to purchase priced well below current S.E.V. CH-2680 \$64,900

EXTREMELY WELL MAINTAINED HOME 2 bedroom, 2 full baths offer 980 sq. ft. Open floor plan with vaulted ceilings, walkout patio door onto side deck. Beautiful kitchen with ample cupboards and kitchen island. Natural gas heat and central air, vinyl siding and vinyl thermo windows. Insulated skirting. Cement driveway and sidewalks. 2 car detached garage with electric door opener and work bench. Nicely landscaped. A must see. CS-2604 \$56,000

NICELY WOODED PROPERTY 1.6 ACRES Very charming 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, home offers 1,506 sq. ft. Public access to Lake Margrethe. New kitchen cabinets and pantry. Laminated floors in kitchen and dining room. New furnace and central air. Large deck off dining room overlooks beautiful woods. Adjoins state land. Nicely landscaped. Move in condition. CS-2648 \$99,900

REDUCED



BEAUTIFUL NEWER RANCH HOME LOCATED IN SHERWOOD FOREST. 1,300 s.f., 3 bedroom, 2 bath, and full basement. Vaulted ceiling with secluded views of the back yard. Spacious kitchen with ample cupboard and counter space. Ceramic tile flooring in baths, kitchen, and entry. Custom lighting through out, sliding door wall onto large deck, and central A/C. 24 x 24 attached heated garage, concrete drive and sidewalks around home. CH-2690 \$143,900

REDUCED



159' FRONTAGE ON THE AUSABLE RIVER 2,068 s.f. four bedroom, three bath full log home situated on private setting with mature white pines. Interior featuring knotty pine finish, vaulted cathedral beamed ceiling, cut stone fireplace, open log staircase, and six panel pine doors. Exterior offers 30x30 garage, 10x32 covered porch, and 10x62 rear covered porch. CH-2687 \$209,500

REDUCED



AN ELEGANT APPROACH TO TRADITIONAL STYLE! Well maintained 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath home with basement. Newly remodeled kitchen with solid maple cabinets, lazy susan, and snack bar. Living room offers wood stove with brick surround. New vinyl siding and roof 2005. Circle driveway. Very tastefully decorated. Large deck off dining room. Nicely landscaped. Stately trees on property. Very Nice - A MUST SEE. CS-2490 \$98,900

ACREAGE



RECREATIONAL ENTHUSIAST 3 to 4 bedrooms with 2 baths. Knotty Pine tongue and groove. Security system. Detached 26x30 finished heated garage with 3 garage doors for easy in and out for snowmobiles. Home is furnished. Snowmobile out your door to state land and Blue Bear Trails. Secluded setting on 10 +/- acres adjoining State Land to the east. CS-2648 \$149,900

BARE-BONE BARGAIN Bring back the spark! And you will have made a smart investment. 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1,056 sq. ft., New Anderson windows and roof. New roof on garage. Bath has new tub, sink and floor. Home needs new floor coverings. Immediate occupancy. CS-2651 \$35,000

NAUTICAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLOSE TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO LAKE MARGRETHE 3-5 bedrooms, 2 bath with total 1,848 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms up, 2 bedrooms downstairs. One car attached garage. Lots of possibilities with multi-function use for residential or recreational property. CS-2656 \$55,000

1. Real Estate

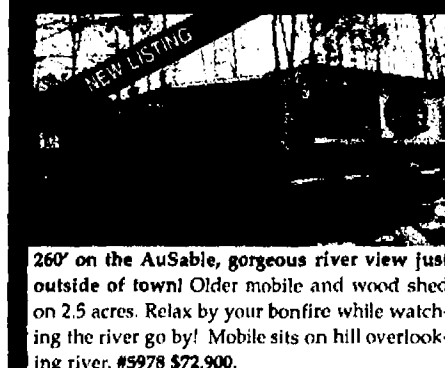
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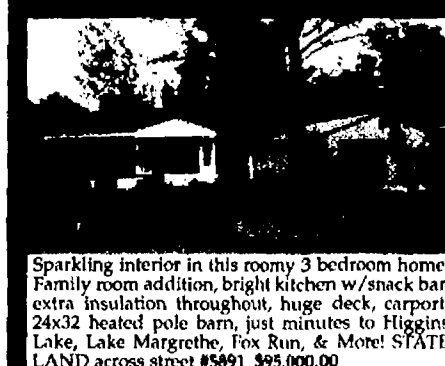
What an excellent deal here! This home is 3 bedrooms, every bedroom has roomy walk-in closets and 2 full baths. Detached garage. Large sunroom off the dining area and maintained yard. #5976 \$58,900

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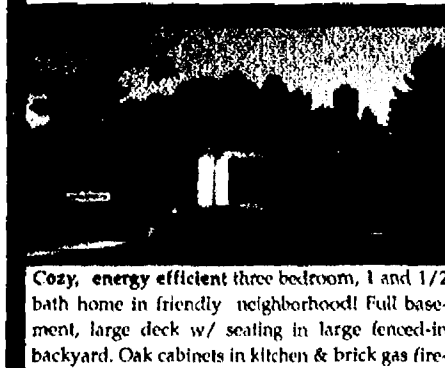
260' on the AuSable, gorgeous river view just outside of town! Older mobile and wood shed on 2.5 acres. Relax by your bonfire while watching the river go by! Mobile sits on hill overlooking river. #5978 \$72,900.

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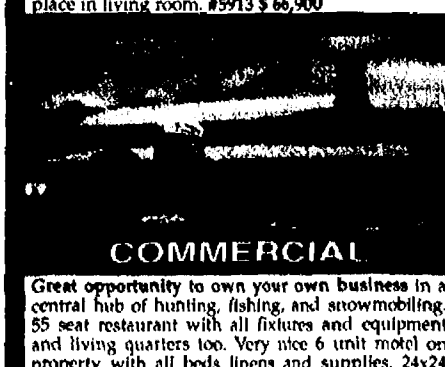
Sparkling interior in this roomy 3 bedroom home. Family room addition, bright kitchen w/snack bar, extra insulation throughout, huge deck, carpet, 24x32 heated pole barn, just minutes to Higgins Lake, Lake Margrethe, Fox Run, & More! STATE LAND across street #5991 \$95,000.00

NEW LISTING



Cozy, energy efficient three bedroom, 1 and 1/2 bath home in friendly neighborhood! Full basement, large deck w/ seating in large fenced-in backyard. Oak cabinets in kitchen & brick gas fireplace in living room. #5913 \$66,900

COMMERCIAL



Great opportunity to own your own business in a central hub of hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. 55 seat restaurant with all fixtures and equipment and living quarters too. Very nice 6 unit motel on property with all beds linens and supplies. 24x24 garage. #5951 \$229,900

1. Real Estate

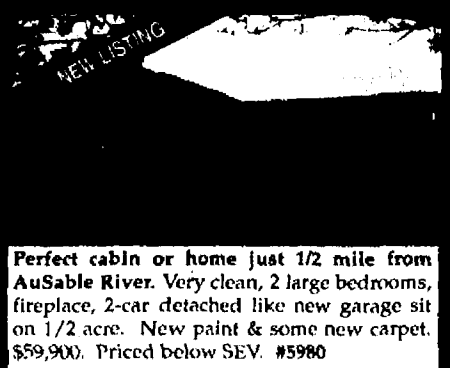
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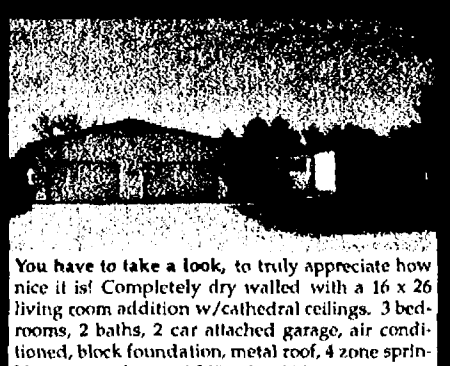
Clean 1352 sq ft modular home with master suite and large living room with fireplace. Lots of large closets, includes kitchen appliances. Needs very little to make it a nice home. 5 miles east of Roscommon. #5977 \$51,900

NEW LISTING



Perfect cabin or home just 1/2 mile from AuSable River. Very clean, 2 large bedrooms, fireplace, 2 car detached like new garage sit on 1/2 acre. New paint & some new carpet. #5990. Priced below SEV. #5990

NEW LISTING



You have to take a look, to truly appreciate how nice it is! Completely dry walled with a 16 x 26 living room addition w/cathedral ceilings. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage, air conditioned, block foundation, metal roof, 4 zone sprinkler system, & more! #5950 \$88,500

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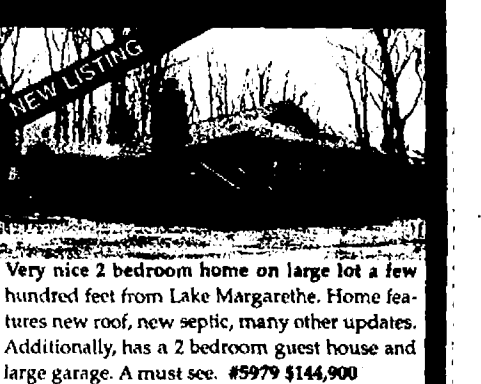
Cute 3 bedroom 1 bath home/cottage on 2 acres. Features 2 additional out buildings, fire pit and attached garage. Property located just 6 miles from town and 1/2 mile from AuSable River. #5910 \$66,900

AuSable River front home on 10 acres. Large spacious ranch lends great views of the river and wild life. 25 x 27 master suite has jacuzzi and fireplace. Open kitchen/living area w/fireplace. Gazebo, 2 car garage w/30 x 24 office/workshop and 2nd floor. #5693 \$275,000

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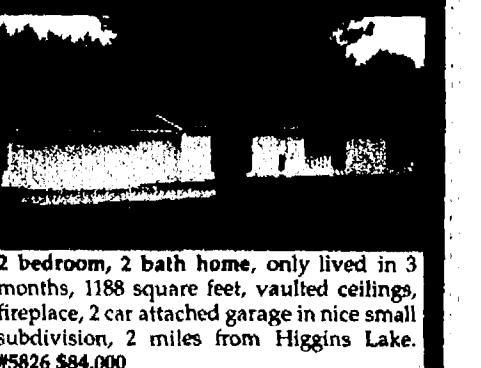
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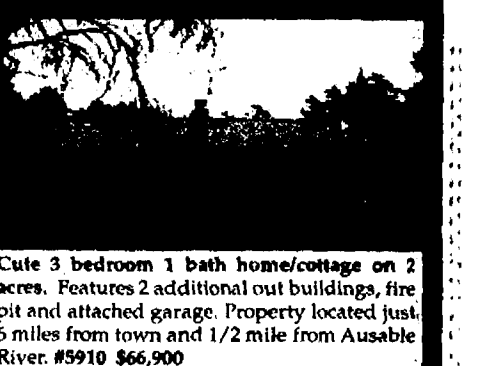
Very nice 2 bedroom home on large lot a few hundred feet from Lake Margrethe. Home features new roof, new septic, many other updates. Additionally, has a 2 bedroom guest house and large garage. A must see. #5979 \$144,900

NEW LISTING



2 bedroom, 2 bath home, only lived in 3 months, 1188 square feet, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, 2 car attached garage in nice small subdivision, 2 miles from Higgins Lake. #5826 \$84,000

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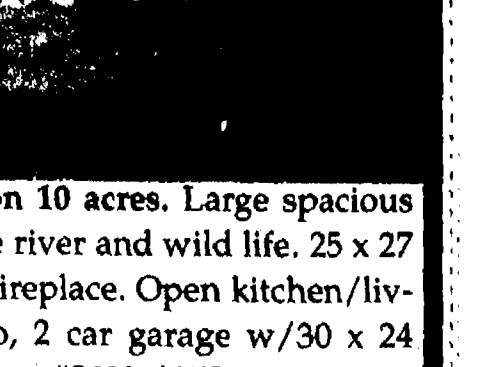
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2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES AND CABINS at Lost Acres. 1 room cabin #1. \$275; 1 bedroom cabin #2. \$475 includes utilities; 2 bedroom mobile homes. \$395 plus utilities. New paint, carpet, windows. 11004-11010 N. Old US 27, no pets, 877-227-6976. More details at www.qualityhome-rentals.net (Northern Michigan Units). (5/8/08tf/2)

FOR RENT, 1 bdrm house. \$475/mo. plus security deposit & utilities. 348-4464. (-8/2)

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom duplex, utilities included, \$475/mo. Call Kris, 348-9476. (-8/2)

FOR LEASE. Rental space for Nonprofit Organization in the City of Grayling. Inquire at the Grayling Housing Commission at 308 Lawndale or call Guy Quigley at 989-348-3097. (-8-15/2)

3. Employment

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION Posting date: May 5, 2008. Position: Grayling High School Math Teacher. Qualifications: Valid Michigan Teaching Certificate with certification to teach Math. Additional information is available at 1135 North Old 27. Apply to: Joseph P. Powers, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable Schools, 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: May 19, 2008 - noon. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-8-15/3)

DRIVER TRAINEES needed now. Drivers being hired and CDL trained locally for Werner Enterprises. \$800/week no experience needed 800-882-7364. (-8-15-22-29/3)

COUNSELOR- part-time outpatient substance abuse/mental health counselor for the Gaylord office. MSW/MA with license required as well as substance abuse counseling experience. Interested candidates submit a letter of interest and resume to Nancy Morgridge, Catholic Human Services, Inc., P.O. Box 1610, Gaylord, MI 49734 or e-mail at nmorgridge@catholichuman-services.org. (-1-8/3)

FULL TIME RN NEEDED for growing agency. Paid benefits and competitive pay. Please fax resume to 989-792-3402, Attn: Laura, Compassionate Care HHS, Inc. (-1-8/3)

3. Employment

AUTOMATIC TRANSAXLE/TRANSMISSION TECHNICIAN. Must have experience in front and rear wheel drive transaxle/transmission overhaul. GM and Chrysler experience preferred. Must have own tools and MI State or ASE certified. Excellent pay and fringe benefits to the right qualified technician. Please call (989) 348-5451 and ask for Dave Petrie to schedule an interview. (04/10/08tf/3)

SUMMER HELP. Evergreen Party Store, cashier and stock help. Dairy Queen clerks also needed. 989-821-5425. (-24-1-8/3)

HELP WANTED - Contractual transporter/Court attendant for the Family Division of the 46th Circuit Trial Court. Applicants must possess a valid Michigan driver's license, have reliable transportation, no criminal history, a good driving record, and be willing to attend a mandatory 2-day training program. Contract rate of payment is currently \$8 per hour with mileage reimbursement. This is an ideal opportunity for retired couples, or others not interested in full time employment. To apply, please send a letter of interest by May 30th to the 46th Circuit Trial Court - Crawford County Family Division, Attention: Patricia Bonamie - Family Division Manager, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. (-1-8/3)

NURSE AID: You can make a difference in someone's life! The Brook Retirement Community, Houghton Lake, is looking for nurse aid candidates. All shifts can apply. Experience necessary. Competitive salary/benefits. 25-40 hours a week. Apply in person between 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday. 8815 Knapp Road. (-1-8/3)

LEELIN HOME HEALTH CARE, Inc. has an immediate need for part-time home health aides or CENAs in Grayling and is accepting applications in Grayling and surrounding areas. If interested in being part of our rewarding team contact us at our corporate office to schedule an interview. 1-800-274-0100, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. EOE. (-8-15/3)

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3. Employment

INSTRUCTOR, SONOGRAPHY: Kirtland Community College in Roscommon is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time instructor for the associate degree cardiovascular sonography program. Bachelor's degree and a minimum 2 years sonography work experience and ARDMS or CCI sonography credentials required. For complete details regarding the position, visit our web site at www.kirtland.edu/hr/jobs/sonography.htm. Application deadline Friday, May 30, 2008. Equal opportunity employer. (-8/3)

REGISTERED NURSE. The Michigan Department of Corrections is accepting resumes for Registered Nurse positions in the Standish area. The pay range for a Registered Nurse is \$22.04 to \$29.00 an hour for day shift, \$23.14 to \$30.45 an hour for afternoon and night shifts. Twelve paid holidays in addition to annual and sick leave are also provided. Signing bonuses up to \$5,000 may also be offered. The State of Michigan offers a wide range of benefits; health, vision, dental and 401K. Candidates must pass a pre-employment physical, drug screen, TB test and criminal history check. Candidates must possess a Michigan license. Submit resume and copy of current Michigan nursing license to: Ron Van Sumeren, 4657 West Industrial Dr., Kincheloe, MI 49788. A Drug Free and Equal Opportunity Employer. (-8-15/3)

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4. Services Offered

ROOFING, ROOFING, all shingle, new construction, tear-offs, residential, commercial, emergency work welcome. 20 years experience. 989-348-5817, 989-390-1526. (-LR/5/08/4)

I CHARGE by the job not the hour. Mowing, auto detailing cars, trucks, vans. Free estimates, 348-5081. (-8/4)

D. HAWES/DRIVERS TRAINING Northern Driving School. Segment I, \$260. Segment II, \$40. Classes offered in Grayling - January, March, May, June, July; Roscommon - December, March, April, June. The only local driver's education company in Crawford and Roscommon Counties. (989) 344-2470. (11/22/07tf/4)

HOME OR CABIN in need of repair. Quality work, dependable, licensed & insured. Call Mainstream Building & Remodeling 989-614-0975. (-20-27-3-10-17-24-1-8/4)

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5. For Sale

KAYAK & 6 place trailer, 14 1/2' Perception Model - Carolina w/rudder & two hatches. \$600 for both. Call 348-2639. (sgf-1-8/5)

5. For Sale

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR/5/22/08/5)

APPLIANCE REPAIR needs, call Paul 348-0167. (-8-15-22-29/5)

CONTRACTOR'S TOPPER, fits Ford eight foot box, \$250. 348-0167, ask for Paul. (-8/5)

REFRIGERATORS, washers, dryers, gas range & small upright freezer. 348-0167, ask for Paul. (-8-15-22-29/5)

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FOR SALE bathroom toilets \$25 each, pedestal sink \$50, 6 ft. double sink vanity complete \$200, 989-821-5425 or 989-302-2906. (-24-1-8/5)

FOR SALE. 25' fifth wheel, many extras, 989-348-8616. (-24-1-8/5)

1984 SYLVAN 16.5 ft. Super Snapper with 1996 30hp long-shaft Johnson tiller, electric start, extra prop and gas tank, bunk style trailer w/guide posts. \$2,500 OBO. 989-348-2495. (4/24/08tf/5)

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FOR SALE: Howard Manual Upright Piano from the 1950s. Minimum bid is \$100. All bids are due by Wednesday, May 14th, 2008, 4 p.m. at the Central Office, Crawford Ausable School District, 1135 N. Old 27, Grayling. (-8/5)

BOAT LIFT Midlander with 22" canopy, 36 lbs., \$2,200. 989-792-8910 or 989-598-5009. (-1-8-15/5)

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TIRES. Firestone Transforce LT235/85 R16, unused, 2 sets @ \$300 each. 225/70 R19.5, good tread, 3 @ \$35 each. 231-492-4403. (-1-8/5)

15' X 48" INTEX swimming pool, metal frame. Used only one year. Extras come with it \$200. 989-390-2781. (-8/5)

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GOOD RUNNING Troy-bill snowblower, 8.0hp Tecumseh 24", \$350; MTD Gold Series lawnmower yard machine (riding) lawn mower w/ leaf bagger 14.5, 7 speed, 42 in. \$400; Montgomery Ward upright freezer, 16.0 cu. ft. \$50; white metal day bed, good condition \$50; 4 Good Year tires, 16 in. on rims, \$25 each; nice slate top Brunswick Billiards pool table w/sticks & balls, \$1,000. Call 989-348-4725 after 5 p.m. (-8/5)

TWO DIRT BIKES, 1981 Suzuki 250 2-stroke, \$300, 2005 Yamaha PW 80, one owner \$1,150. 16' Old Town canoe with paddles, 390-2315. (-8/5)

FOR SALE - parrot, 11 yr. old Ducorp Cock-a-too with cage, food, good vocabulary, \$800. 745-6087 after 4:30 p.m. (-8/5)

TOPPER for S-10 pick up, \$100. 348-5625. (-8/5)

FOR SALE a deluxe metal swing set, \$100. 348-4179. (-8/5)

6. Wanted

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Announcements

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ST. MARY'S LADIES CLUB spring bake sale, Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., in the Family Center. (-8-15/8)

9 Personals

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE Oh Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue, rich in miracle, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glories for nine consecutive days. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us, all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena has never been known to fail. (-8/9)

TRIBUTE TO MY MOTHER, Lillian Houghton, by Bob Houghton - 2008. My mother raised me as a Christian, and helped me go through college. Although she is in heaven now, mother is my best friend. She became a widow early in life. The last time that I saw my earthly father, Nyland Houghton, he said to me, "Bob, look after your mother. You're head of the house, hold now." For 54 years I've done my best to help mother. Now that she's in heaven with Jesus, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit - I am feeling closure with this responsibility. Probably mother and Dog Shasha are enjoying each other's company in heaven. Mother wanted me to go to college, which I did. Mother told me that nobody can take away my education. Also, I have learned being 68 years old now, nobody can take away my relationship and faith in God. Thank you, mother, for loving me and showing me what real love is: agape, love or unselfish giving or sacrificial giving. This is God's kind of love. We as humans on earth should also have this agape love. (-8/9)

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Look who's turning 90 on May 8!



Martelle "Marty" Lietz
A big happy birthday wish from all of us: Kirsten, Laraine and Warren, Shannon, George, Andrew, and Emerson. And from all of us: Carol, Barbara, and Cory.

10. Garage Sale

RUMMAGE SALE. Wed., May 14, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Senior Center, 308 Lawndale. Many unique items! (-8/10)

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GARAGE SALE, May 9th & 10th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 220 Misty Way, off Roberts Rd. (-8/10)

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MOVING SALE: fainting couch, tables, lamps, treasures, misc. junk. 545 Roberts Rd., Friday, May 9th, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (-8/10)

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10. Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE, Fri., Sat., Sun., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tools, computer stuff, scooter, Arctic Cat snowmobile, girl's junior clothes, xl adult clothes, toys. 3151 Jones Lake Rd., Grayling. (-8/10)

GARAGE SALE, Sat. - Sun., May 10-11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Boys clothing, toys, toddler beds, infant - size 6, misc. household. Karen Woods, 6174 Libby Rd. (-8/10)

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Soccer squad falls to Bobcats, 3-0



Photos by Caleb Casey.

Ashlee Robinson, left, and Jessie Baker, right, control the ball for Grayling during last Tuesday's varsity girls soccer game vs. the Houghton Lake Bobcats. Houghton Lake won the contest by a final score of 3-0.

Baseball team wins one, loses one at TCSF

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three runs in five innings of work. Schreiber earned a save by pitching the sixth inning.

"Taylor is not a strikeout pitcher, but (he) keeps good hitters off their game by throwing various pitches. He is a tough pitcher to face after facing Schreiber," Coach Schneider said.

At the plate, Desenfants had two hits and two RBIs. Rocky McNamara had one hit and three

RBIs. Schreiber hit a triple. Peter Alexander and Ethan Neuberger each had one hit.

Friday's scheduled series at Tawas was rained out.

Grayling's hitting leaders through 14 games are: Geo Bindschatel, .419; Schreiber, .359; Stapleton, .350, and McNamara, .342.

The Vikings (9-5 overall, 6-2 conference) are scheduled to play at Alcona and Charlevoix

this week.

The Vikings will host a four-team Grayling Invitational Tournament on Saturday, May 10. Grayling will face Mio at 10 a.m. in the first game of the tournament. Gladwin will battle Harrison at noon. The consolation game will be held at 2 p.m. The championship game is set for 4 p.m. There will be a \$3 admission charge for the tournament.

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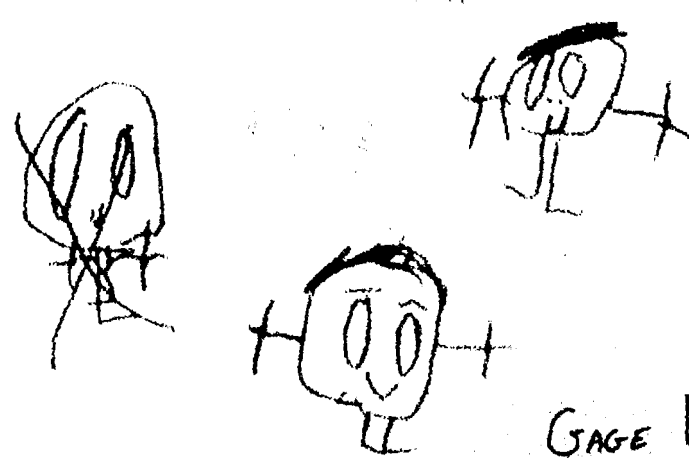
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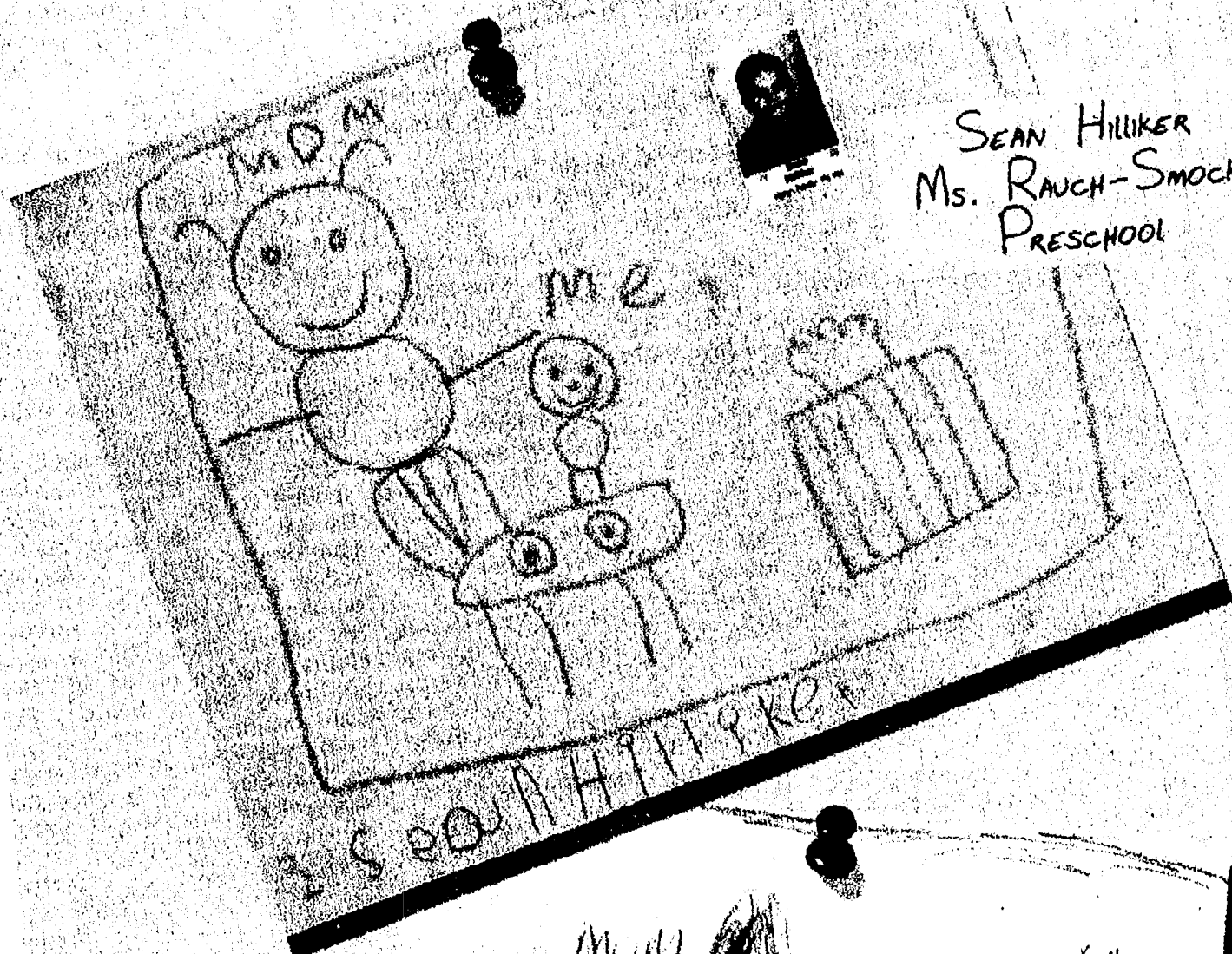
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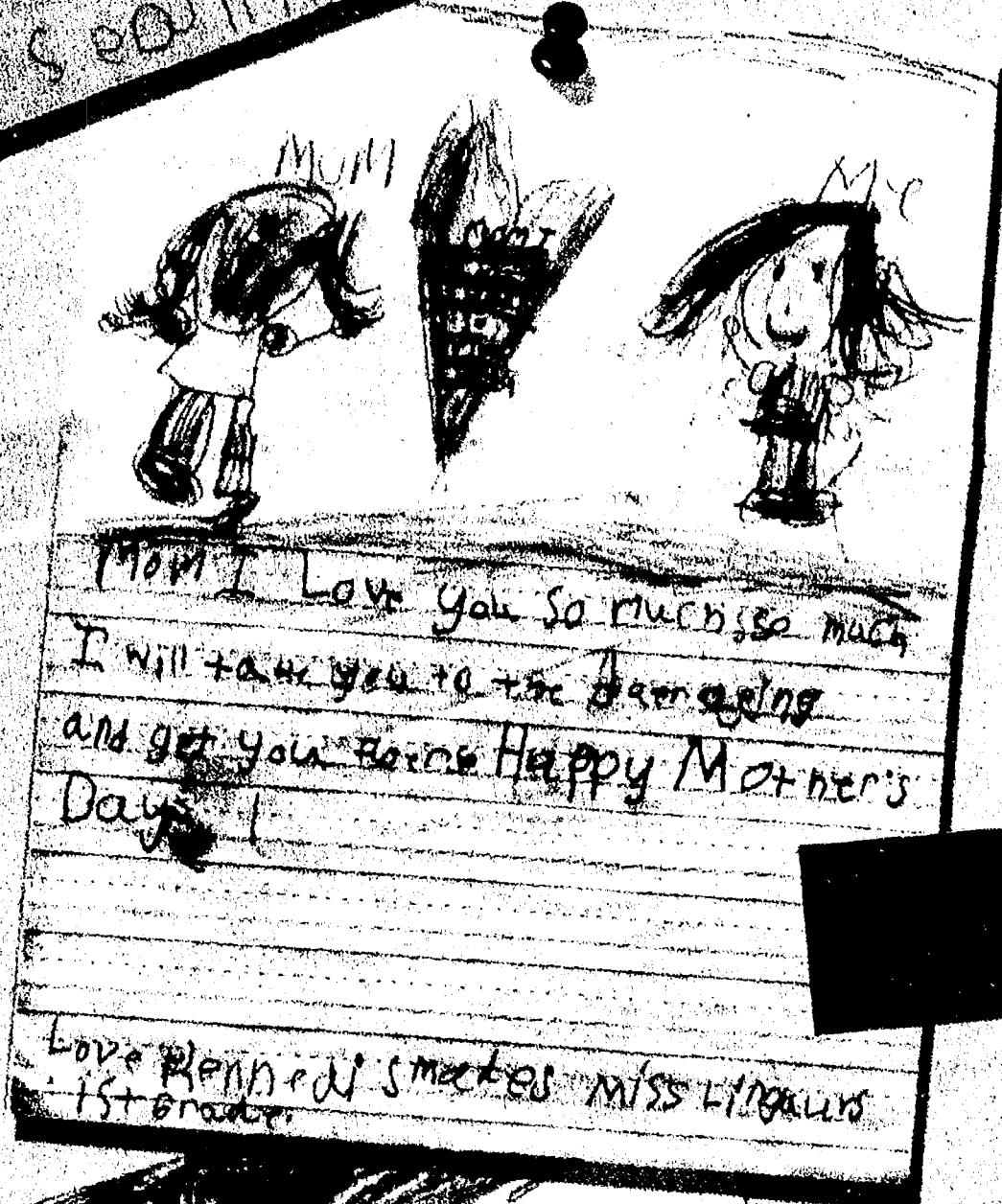
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Ms. GOETZ
KINDERGARTEN

Happy Mother's Day
I Love you be cause
you lets me go to
my friends house
Love Gage



SEAN HILKER
Ms. RAUCH-SMOCK
PRESCHOOL

My mom is nice for me
When I get hurt she helps
me up.
When she has to go to
work she let me come with her
When we have dinner she
lets me pick.



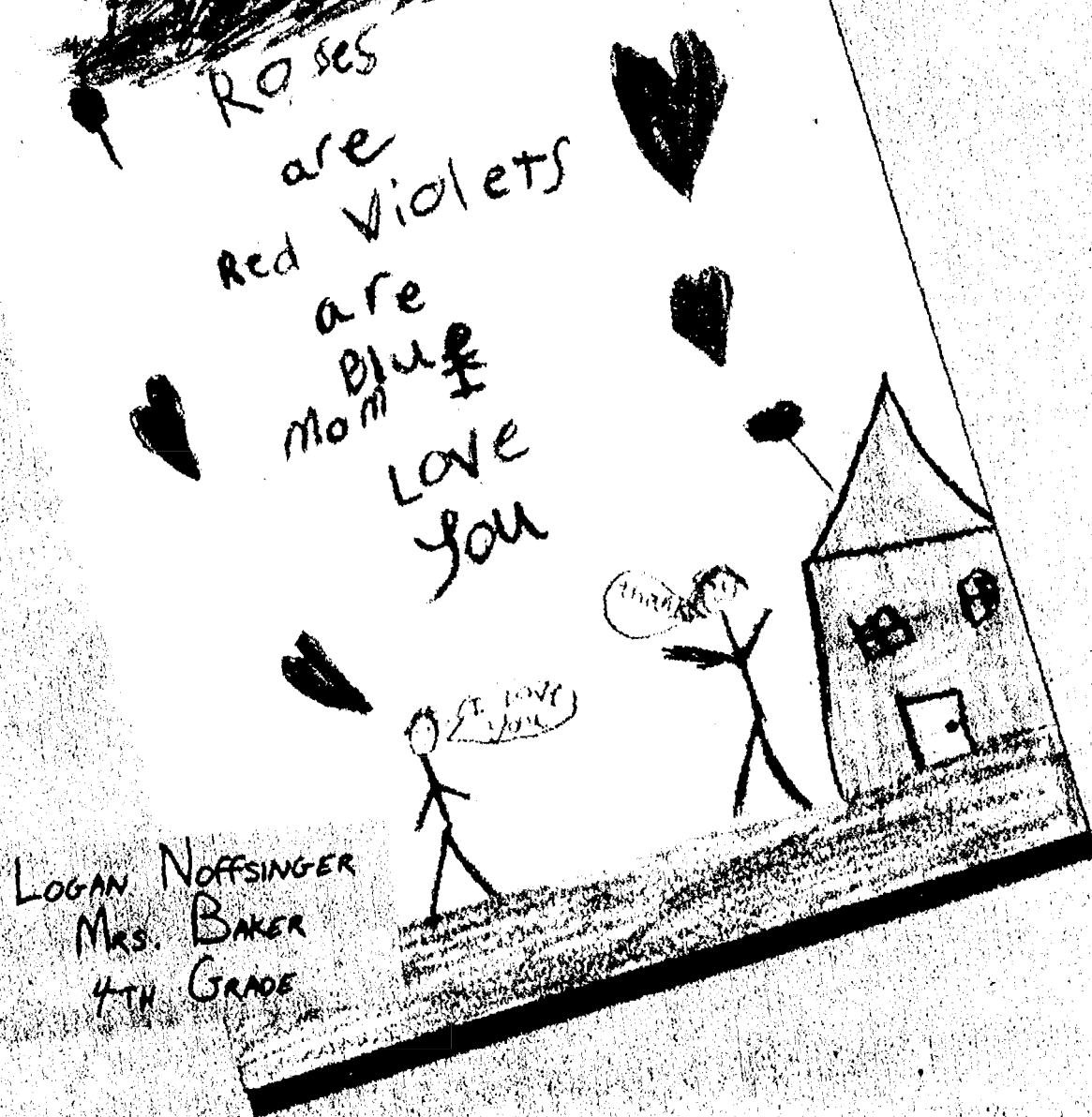
MOM I Love you so much so much
I will take you to the beach
and get you some Happy Mother's
Days!

Love Penny's smooches MISS HIGGINS
1st grade

I would buy
her flowers



PAM BAGGETT
Mrs. BERKSHIRE
3RD GRADE



LOGAN NOFFSINGER
Mrs. BAKER
4TH GRADE

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

I love my mom because
she loves me no matter what
I do she plays with me, and
she takes me places.
First of all, I love my mom
because she still loves me when I
don't fight with my sister.
Another reason why I love
my mom is because she plays
some of my favorite sports with
me like kickball and volleyball.
Also, I love my mom
because if she goes away when
like the store she takes me
but not my sister.
My mom is fantastic
because she loves me no matter
what I do and she always
finds time for me.

By: Sydney Dunno

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Graylings Fish Hatchery

Skye Shriver
5th Grade
Ms. Parillo

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May 12	Men's Softball League begins
May 23	Fish Hatchery Opens
May 24	Fishing For Fun @ Grayling Fish Hatchery
June 1	Hanson Hills Challenge Mt. Bike Race
June 3	4-H & ORA Youth Garden Club
June 7	Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run
June 9-12	4-H Adventure Day Camp
June 16	Youth Golf League @ Grayling Country Club
June 27-29	Michigan Traditional Bow Hunters Jamboree
July 7	4-H Adventure Day Camp
July 24	Business Relays @ Penrods Canoe Livery
July 26	ORA 10K @ Grayling High School
August 4	Fall Cheerleading (9th-12th Grades)
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August 29-31	Michigan Bike Festival
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On mother's Day I will take my mom to China West. It is hr favrit Plase to go. Alyessa Krzyzaniak Kindergarten Ms. Brown

I will tac my mom to China west. She likes forchun kookes. Charles Garrity Kindergarten Ms. Brown

On Mother's Day I wil go to Flower's By Josie. My mom likes flowers. Eric Hamling Kindergarten Ms. Brown

On Mothers Day I will tack my mom to the Rialto to wach a movie. Russell Mansfield Kindergarten Ms. Brown

On Mother's Day I wil play soccer with my mom. She likes to kick the ball. Madison Moyer Kindergarten Ms. Brown

On Mothers Day I wl go fishing with my mom. She likes fishing. Jonathan Mowrey Kindergarten Ms. Brown

on mother's Day I will take my mom to Burger King. Quinn Chatterton Kindergarten Ms. Brown

On Mother's Day I wil tak my mom conoeing. Huy Huynh Kindergarten Ms. Brown

My mom and me will go to Dairy Queen on Mother's Day. Beacus she likes Blizzreds. Kyah Birdsall

Kindergarten Ms. Brown

on Mother's Day I will take my mom to Pizza Hut. She likes pizza. Jordan Houghton Kindergarten Ms. Brown

It is my mom brthday and I love hr because she love me Makena Tuck Kindergarten Ms. Edwards

I love you mom so much on Moms Day. Alyssa Beckwith Kindergarten Ms. Edwards

I luv you mom! You r the best. fum misty to mom. Misty Mockles Kindergarten Ms. Edwards

I wod go to the ranbow with my Grandma! Alyssa Thornton Kindergarten Ms. Edwards

Mommy I Love you vary much much much and much because I Love her. Madison Hehir Kindergarten Ms. Edwards

I luv MOMMY because soe Lets me pla. Logan Collett Kindergarten Ms. Edwards

I Love My MoM because My MoM is The best! Lillian Hibbard Kindergarten Ms. Edwards

I love you mom Eric Eckola 4th Grade Mr. Winton

Mother I appreciate you in every-way I would do anything for you even eat hay I wish I could do more I guess I'll start by cleaning the floor I want to take you to the shore and buy you alot more But sorry for you cause I'm pour. Amanda R. Montroy 4th Grade Mr. Winton

Da Bomb impossiblle appreciated nice entertaining Kaelan O'toole 4th Grade Mr. Winton

I love you Laughing when you can On top of things Very special Excited for me Your there for me Outgoing Unhurtful Mom, your great LOving me always Mom .. I love you Ally Robson 4th Grade Mr. Winton

My mom is a hard worker. Because she has to take kare of three people and a baby! My mom loves me Because she's my mom. She's suspose to love me. My mom spend's time with me because Im her son and parents are suspose to spend time with ther sons and evry week we go to the park. When mother day comes Im going to get her a 24kt. gold ring. Zachary Teal 4th Grade Mr. Winton

I Love my mom My mom cOol awesoMe Devin Joseph 4th Grade Mr. Winton

I love my mom If I had a thousand dollars I would buy you evry thing your hart disiers even mint gum. Natasha Subora 4th Grade Mr. Winton

I love mom Mom I love you You're the best mom in the world! Thank you for every thing you did for me like getting me a play station portable. You're the best mom on the planet. Jeremy Gracia 4th Grade Mr. Winton

She is always there for me, she works hard, she lets me be spoiled rotten. She is always there for me. She makes me feel comfortable. She never misses a soccer game. She is very supportive. She lets me be spoiled. She spend money on me on cloths. She lets me do stuff like go to my friends house. She trusts on the computer. She is a hard worker. She does hard work to clean the house to make me happy. I love me mom so much and she loves me! Jazlyn 4th Grade Mr. Winton

Mom if I could take you enewier I would take you to the bech. If could give you ene thing I would give you a big red Rose. Destiny 4th Grade Mrs. Johnston

On Mothers Day I would take my mom to Texp. Danielle 4th Grade Mrs. Johnston

If I could take my Mom anywhere in grayling, I would take her to the ice cream place by bears den, so we could get about 50 scoops of ice cream! Alicen LeBlanc 4th Grade Mrs. Johnston

Mightymom Outstanding takes care of me heartful encretable radical Spencer Kent 4th Grade Mrs. Johnston

Tulips are red, water is blue, Nothing comes together like me and you. Garrett Anderson 4th Grade Mrs. Johnston

To love in every way Ever so funny Ready for a challang Even know everything Speacle in every way A loveing person to come home to. Chrissy Bonamie 4th Grade Mrs. Johnston

Happy Mother's Day!

I love my Mom because she lets me help her. I would take her to a Salon and then to the animal Shelter.

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Happy Mother's Day! I love you
You are the best mom ever! I love
you because you cuddle me.

Christina
Kindergarten
Ms. Goetz

Happy Mther's day! You are the
best mom ever!

Brett
Kindergarten
Ms. Goetz

Happy Mother's Day I love you
because sh lels me do evre thing!

Zack
Kindergarten
Ms. Goetz

Happy Mothers Daay! I love you!
you are the best mom ever! I love
you because you are my mom
and because I love you!

Jocelyn
Kindergarten
Ms. Goetz

Happy Mother's Day! I love you!
Amiaha
Kindergarten
Ms. Goetz

Happy Mother's Day! I love you
Jacob
Kindergarten
Ms. Goetz

Happy Mother's Day!
Emma
Kindergarten
Ms. Goetz

Happy Mother's Day! I love you.
You are the best mom ever!

Ryan
Kindergarten
Ms. Goetz

I want to give my mom a special
present.

Kevin Bednar
Kindergarten
Mrs. DesEnfants

I will take my mom to dairy
queen.

Anthony Tipkey
Kindergarten
Mrs. DesEnfants

I well picke some flours for My
MOMY

Seth Reese
Kindergarten
Mrs. DesEnfants

I am going to buy a dog for moth-
er day.

Jacob Black
Kindergarten
Mrs. DesEnfants

I will tak my MoM to arbes for
Mother's Day.

Tiffany Heggie
Kindergarten
Mrs. DesEnfants

Mother's Day I will take my
mom To Dairy queen

Georgia Barber
Kindergarten
Mrs. DesEnfants

I am tocking my mom to the
towship polrk for Mother's Day

Breonna Wilson
Kindergarten
Mrs. DesEnfants

I will take My MOM to Dairy
queen.

Jade LeBlanc
Kindergarten
Mrs. DesEnfants

I will make my mom breakfast.
Colton Laskowski
Kindergarten
Mrs. DesEnfants

Mothers Day Because I Love my
MoM to

Haley Armstrong
Kindergarten
Mrs. DesEnfants

Dear Mom: I miss you and want
to go to taco bell with you
because we could get icecream
taco's.

Cyle Pratt
5th Grade
Mrs. Partlo

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
No one is as sweet as you.
Lilacs are purple,
Daisies are white,
I know you're going to win the
fight.

Taylor Nielson
5th Grade
Mrs. Partlo

Dear Mom,
I love you with all my heart.
Even though I'm eleven, I'm still
your little girl I used to be. Just
because I grew out of those
cloths, doesn't mean I'm not your
little girl!! I'll always be there,
even when I'm not.

Jazmine Morgan
5th Grade
Mrs. Partlo

The Perfect Mom
Mom you are the best mom any-
body could ask for you are a
ocean full of good things like,
love, foregiveness, helpfulness,
thoughtfulness, and more, Happy
Mothers day Mom!

Valerie Burch
5th Grade
Mrs. Partlo

Dear, Mom
My mom is the best. She helps
me with everything I do. She
goes to my sporting events She
does alot for me. I love you
mom.

Scout Tobin
5th Grade
Mrs. Partlo

Ooo you are so cool mom
U R really nice
Thank you mom
So thankful to have you as a
mom

Thank you for taking care of me
A mom like you can never be
replaced

No mom is as perfect as you
Do you love me as much as I
love U?

I really like you as a mom
No mom can beat you as a
champ

Geeee you are awesome mom
Mom you rock
Oh mom you are too perfect

Mom I love you
Emma Prosser
3rd Grade
Mrs. Canfield

Mom I love you so much. I am
going to get you a new car.

Jordan Jamison
3rd Grade
Mrs. Beauchamp

Go Mom go! I want you to win
because I love you.

Shadrick Benchack
5th Grade
Mrs. Beauchamp

Happy Mothers Day Mom. Love
you.

Krymson Turner
5th Grade
Mrs. Beauchamp

Majestic
Observant
Mom
I Love Mom

Tequila Duncan
3rd Grade
Mrs. Beauchamp

I love you because you are my
mom.

Megan Clark
3rd Grade
Mrs. Beauchamp

I love you mom rily much.

Claramae Nelson
5th Grade
Mrs. Beauchamp

Mom's
Our
Mother
I love you. I love you.

Matthew Tompkins
4th Grade
Mrs. Beauchamp


mom,
All I want you to know
is, that no matter what
you can count on me you
have always been there
for me when my head
hurts or my leg hurts.
When I am having a
hard time you have
helped me through it. the
best I can do is love
you and do anything
motherly duty so I can take you
to Grayling Restaurant.



Courtney Hatfield
5th Grade
Mrs. Partlo

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Holly Davis
1st Grade
Mrs. Helvie

HOLLY
my mom loves to go to Big Boy
Every day She goes Every
day.




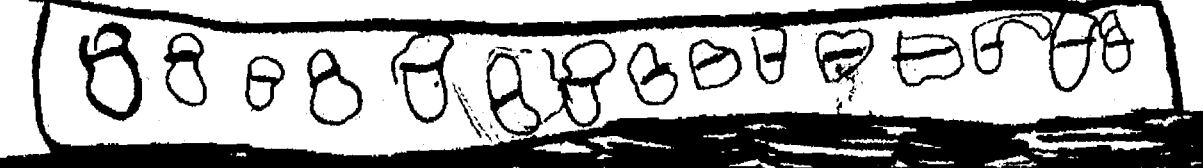
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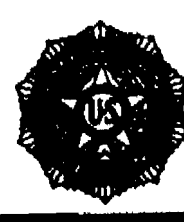
Darren Johnston
3rd Grade
Mrs. Brunskill

Jenna Schwartz
Kindergarten
Ms. Brown

Jenna Schwartz

My mom likes to go bowling
with us. So I will take her
bowling on Mother's Day.



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to take your car to Fenton's
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I will even pay for it with
my own money like it is fixed
and is at home, I will wash
it. Happy Mothers Day!!

Love
Caleb Fenton


P.S. I will also clean
my room.



Caleb Fenton
3rd Grade
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by a new car. I would also
take her to wend's.

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Happy mother's day mom.
I will take you to spye
Bob's. Then I will take
my Mom to darcy's.
then I will buy my mom
flowers. I Love you mom.
Grant Anttila 1st Grade
Mrs. Lingaur

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Isabel Duba
I will take my Mom to
Wendy's. Beacus she likes
milk frostees. We will
go on Mother's Day.

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If I could take my mom to the park on Mother's Day I would because whenever we go there we always have fun by the Ausable River.

Mazi Gugin
2nd Grade
Mrs. Cobb

I am going to take my mom to 7 eleven and buy her a diet pepsi.

Ellie Carr
2nd Grade
Mrs. Cobb

I would take mom to the tanning place. I would take my mom to seven eleven to get slurpees. I would take mom any were she wants.

Ben Hetfeild
2nd Grade
Mrs. Cobb

I want to Take my mom to Dairy Queen. I want to Tak my mom to school. I want to go at Pizza Hut.

Levi
2nd Grade
Mrs. Cobb

I wold take my mom to the park and buy her some flowers. Mabe I would get her a present from K. mart for Mothers Day.

Brady
2nd Grade
Mrs. Cobb

I would take my mom to 7eleven to get a slurpie and then we would go on a walk in the park in Grayling. We would go on the swings.

Brooke Torok
2nd Grade
Mrs. Cobb

If I could take my mom to seveneleven but only one thing beter it hank I a slurpie is a hug and kiss.

Katie Kowalski
2nd Grade
Mrs. Cobb

Magnificent Mom!
Oh mom!
The way you smile is like a rainbow!
Hi mom you look good!
Extra nice
Rock on Mom!

Lairyn Shepherd
1st-2nd Grade Multiage Class
Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Moffit

Mom your the best mom in the world
Outstanding mother
Mom's number one!

TJ Hart
1st-2nd Grade Multiage Class
Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Moffit

Dear Mom,
You are a great cook. I love how you make macaroni! Do you love me to the moon and back. Because I love you! I knew that you loved us because you work part-time! Sincerely, your best friend, Sissy

Anna Fisher
1st-2nd Grade Multiage Class
Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Moffit

Roses are red viles are blue I love you the most. And your a rose to me.

Ryan Pummell
1st-2nd Grade Multiage Class
Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Moffit

My mom is the nisist mom in the hole wide wold. Because she loves me and I love her to.

Trey Montrell
1st-2nd Grade Multiage Class
Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Moffit

Magnificent craft maker
Outstanding mom
Makes me smile.

Ben Robbins
1st-2nd Grade Multiage Class
Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Moffit

Mom you are the best.
Olivia you are pttty.
Mommy I love you.

Molly Partello
1st-2nd Grade Multiage Class
Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Moffit

My Outstanding Mom
Ryan Nelson
1st-2nd Grade Multiage Class
Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Moffit

Marbyless friend
Off in my dreams
My closest friend
You make my eys sparkle!

Annaliese Fry
1st-2nd Grade Multiage Class
Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Moffit

Magnificent baker
Outstanding mother to have 5 kids
Mom's nuber 1
My mom is perfikt for me
You have a buttle smile

Madison Helsel
1st-2nd Grade Multiage Class
Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Moffit

Mom on Mother's day I am going to take you out to dinner and Mom I love you and you rock so much because you love me and you can pick the place where you want to go on mother's day mommy and I am going to help you go in and I am going to cover your eyes on mothers day mommy. you rock my best mommy.

Beth Cothran
3rd Grade
Mrs. Berkshire

Im going to take my mom to the park and go swining there!

Tabitha Miekhlushi
3rd Grade
Mrs. Berkshire

I would buy my mom on mothers day i would buy her a ring with a Jewl on it. but I think it cost over \$1000.00. If I had that much money I would buy her a ring with a jewl.

Jaxon
3rd Grade
Mrs. Berkshire

Dear mom I Love You So much
You Rock as a mom!!! I Love You.

Chloe
3rd Grade
Mrs. Berkshire

I would buy her a globe of me.

Jazlyn Jamison
3rd Grade
Mrs. Berkshire

Dear, Mom I Love you I will do inething for you

Nate
3rd Grade
Mrs. Berkshire

I'll buy you diamonds i'll buy you peouls i'll buy you anything in the world. You nema it and i'll get it Ples don't cry ples don't frown trust me i'll buy you anything in this town. XXX and OOO and odils of love

Jenna
3rd Grade
Mrs. Berkshire

Mom if I where to bye you something I would buy you a ring because your my mom and I love you.

Matthew
3rd Grade
Mrs. Berkshire

Dear mom
you are the best and I'm sorry if I lide to you so we I would tack you to see a move. I would tack you to git a new car. I would buy you a new car.

Bobbie Jo Benson
3rd Grade
Mrs. Berkshire

I love you because you feed me
You take care of me. You play with me. You cook for me you take me places. You love me. I love you Mom a lot!

David Bodkins
3rd Grade
Mrs. Banda

Roses are red violets are blue. Let

this secret rain upon you. Happy Mother's Day

Tyler Talbot
3rd Grade
Mrs. Banda

I love you so much would you dance with me mommy I love you so much

Caleb Pooley
3rd Grade
Mrs. Banda

Mom you rock!
Organized
Mom, love ya!
Mom you're spectacular!
You're awesome!

Samantha DeVriendt
3rd Grade
Mrs. Banda

Dear Grandma,
I love you so much I would take you to California and get you some ice cream. Also I would get a new house on a ranch. Thanks for doing the laundy, cooking dinner and cleaning the house. I love it when you come.

Cam Summers
3rd Grade
Mrs. Banda

I Love You!
Dear Mom, mom how I love you so you make my hear soar like over the great blue sky. I wish I had enough money to take you on a plain, because mom I Love You!

Hayley Pittman
3rd Grade
Mrs. Banda

I love my mom because she takes me to the Carribean or to a hockey game. When I break a vase ot sneak a cookie she still loves me no matter what. When I want to give her something for Mothers Day I don't give her candy or a massage because the best thing is some love.

Joshua Prier
5th Grade
Mrs. Baynham

I love my Mom because she take's me to Old Navy, and the mall in Traverse, and when she make's my favorite home maid sloppy joes, and her nachos. She love's me no matter what happen's, like the time I brake her moose. She was mad but she still love's me. Happy Mother day.

Zane Pittman
5th Grade
Mrs. Baynham

I love my mom because she does alot of things with me and takes me places. She spends time with me takes me to Dq. She also cooks my favorite foods like cake. She loves me no matter what I do, even if I get in trouble, fight with my brother, or bring in dirt!

Jacob Thomas
5th Grade
Mrs. Baynham

I love my mom because she loves me. She takes me places, and takes care of me when im at her house. She takes me out to ice-cream and make's me my favorite meal, hamburgers. She likes to buy me nice clothes, and jewelry. When I do something wrong, like not watch my brothers when were outside, she always forgives me, and loves me.

Kara Carrothers
5th Grade
Mrs. Baynham

I love my mom because she takes me on vacations, she loves me no matter what, and spends time with me. My mom takes me on vacations to Disney World and on camping trips to Jones Lake. She loves me no matter what even if I break her glass china by dropping it on the floor. She spends time with me by watching movies and riding bikes. My mom rocks.

Mason Papendick
5th Grade
Mrs. Baynham

Dear Mom,
You are one of the best moms in the world. I want to thank you for all your help. So I would buy you all the puppies you wanted at the animal shelter. I promise that one will be just like Kayla (love).
Brandon

Brandon Davison
3rd Grade
Mrs. Banda

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I Love my mom because she takes me for Chinese food.



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Karyn Rauch-Smock

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Mrs. Brown

on mothers' Day I will take my mom to Mic Donalds for Lunch. Then I Will go By Her flowers From Jose. I Love Her so much I will By every Thing from The ert and Give it to he For moth-ers' day

Camilla Willick
Kindergarten
Miss Lingaur

Happy mother's day momy. If it was mothers day I would take you to the graling restront and by you flowers. at Kmart. I love you so much.

Miranda Makowski
Kindergarten
Miss Lingaur

mothers Day is cuming Fast and I am going To Tac mom To The Rmada hotel and To The Porc affr the pore I am going To buy her Flours and choelit I Love my mom!

Sammy
Kindergarten
Miss Lingaur

Happy mother's day. I will tack her to tocobell and then. I will get her some flows.

Conner
Kindergarten
Miss Lingaur

I will Take my Mom To TokoeBell and get her a bunch of flowers. I Love you Happy Mother's Day.

Andrea
Kindergarten
Miss Lingaur

My Mather's day wish for you is going to the city park.

Trey Moffit
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hetfield

For mother's Day in grayling I would take you to Flower shop.

Kortney Wood
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hetfield

for Mother's Day in grayling I would take you to the Bowing ally

Destiny
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hetfield

For Moths Daay in grayling I wode take you K-Mart

Jadyn
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hetfield

For mother's Daay in grayling I would take you.....to saian Rue

Justin Nicholas
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hetfield

on a walk to the Park

Jensyn
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hetfield

For Mothers day in Grayling I would take you...Salon Rue

Hannah Smock
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hetfield

My Wish For mothers Day For you is Dairy Queen

Trevor
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hetfield

My wish for you is a Trip To The minimall in K-malt in grayling city to go soping and eat for Mothrs Day it will Be fan to go to The minimall K-malt. with your friends I Hop you Have fan wen you go

Bryanne Bradford
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hetfield

At Mothers day tis all moms gay "Oh what a day at thanks a latte"

Chris Baudoux
2nd Grade
Mrs. Boik

I would take mom to the Park and pick her flowers.

Parker Learman

2nd Grade
Mrs. Boik

Moms are sweet quilting is to I love spending time with you. you are going to get fabre!

Becca Cheney
2nd Grade
Mrs. Boik

I would take my mom to the Juwelre store and bye her a neck-lis for mothers day

Elliot Engbers
2nd Grade

Happy Mother's Day I love my mom beacuse she lets me go outside to play and help her fold laundry. We go to the sportsplex together.

Madison Hall
Preschool
Mrs. Rauch-Smock

Happy Mother's Day I love my mom because she lets me ride my bike in the parking lot, the big one! We will go to the beach.

Aria Sanford
Preschool
Mrs. Rauch-Smock

Happy Mother's Day I love my mom because I just do and she lets me suck on my suck-er. I would buy my mom all her favorite candy.

Matthew Fetting
Preschool
Mrs. Rauch-Smock

Happy Mother's Day I love my mom because she makes dinner for me. I would take her to the beach.

Joshua Cousins
Preschool
Mrs. Rauch-Smock

Happy Mother's Day I love my mom because she gives me oranges. I would take my mom to the park.

Jay Berardo
Preschool
Mrs. Rauch-Smock

Happy Mother's Day I love my mom because I get to help make cookies.

Haleigh Bruno
Preschool
Mrs. Rauch-Smock

Happy Mother's Day I love my mom because helps me clean my room.

Zane Leas
Preschool
Mrs. Rauch-Smock

Happy Mother's Day I love Nana because she made me a birthday cake.

James Johns
Preschool
Mrs. Rauch-Smock

Love that Mom. inspired by Walter Deah Miers. Love that Mom like a fish loves to swim I said Love that Mom Like a fish loves to swim Love to to tell her "I Love you"

Zach Burger
4th Grade
Mrs. Baker

So much depends upon a mother. On the porch on the grill. Inspired by: William Carlos Williams

Dakotah Mansfield
4th Grade
Mrs. Baker

Mommy out tanning turquoise her best friend elephant roses

Noah Dannenberg
4th Grade
Mrs. Baker

Love Love is Light pink it tastes like sugar cookies it smells like cotten candy And it reminds me of my moms hug it sounds like people hugging Love makes me feel good.

Ryan Weeks
4th Grade

Mrs. Baker

So much Depends oppons my mother waiting atr My house for me to get home. Inspired by William Carlos Williams

Autumn Robinson
4th Grade
Mrs. Baker

Mothers day Mother mother Sweet as suger, We are the Same Membocies forever alway moms Bubbas

Caleb Garver
4th Grade
Mrs. Baker

Favorite Color Green & Yellow. Handles Situations Calm & mel-low. Things she likes Bright Colored Flowers. Things she hates Working for hours. Favorite Show Grey's Anatomy. Oldest Child Is me, Cassie.

Cassie Kolka
5th Grade
Mrs. Casey

Her pastime: Always reading. Works a job: Of cooking. Color choise: limey greens. Likes to eat: Pork and beans. Loves to plant: lots of flowers. Yells at at her kids: To take their showers.

Kaitlyn Bergan
5th Grade
Mrs. Casey

My Mom. Birthday time in December. Every work day, something to remember. Exercise, Likes to walk. On vacation, Likes to talk. In the morning, dries her hair. Always buying, things to wear.

John Hilbrecht
5th Grade
Mrs. Casey

Home address: Shady forest. Always like: to sing a chorus. Favorite food: weird stuff. Can never: drink tea enough. Always has: a friendly smile. Favorite thing: loving all the while.

Dustin Shear
5th Grade
Mrs. Casey

Thing she owns: A working lighter. Thing she fears: big hairy spiders. Good at: doing math. Always take: A long bath. What she does: catches pigs. Never worn: any wigs. What she is: the ultimate bomb. My favorit person: is my step-mom!

Steven P Wildmar
5th Grade
Mrs. Casey

MOM! There once was the best mom ever, You always pull the right lever You love to sleep Dont make a peep Hurt me! You would never!

Cassie Brewer
5th Grade
Mrs. Dunckley

My mom is Enthusiastick and Loving. Anyone who Never comes Into our house is Entertained

Darian Mateos
5th Grade
Mrs. Dunckley

I Love you Mom for all You Do For Me!

Kelsey Sanford
5th Grade
Mrs. Dunckley

When I'm with my mom I'm floating in a balloon of Happiness.

Boomer Wingard
5th Grade
Mrs. Dunckley

Mom You are a rose, your chil-dren are the petals I know you love me as much as I love you, lots! Your #1 you care, ready to share, and full of love

Laura Simpson
5th Grade
Mrs. Dunckley

Happy Mother's Day!

I love my Mom because when I tell her something she gives me it. I would take her to Spike's for dinner. She would order the french fries.



Chase Mead
Preschool
Mrs. Rauch-Smock

Spike's Keg 'O' Nails

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I would take my mom to the dairy queen and the movie theater and the beach and the super eight because she likes thos plasise.

Brianna Dent
1st grade
Mrs. Helvie

On Mother's Day I will take my mom to the beach and the 7-11 and to the zoo.

Taylor Starks
1st grade
Mrs. Helvie

On Mother's day I would take my mom to K-mart to buy her a hospitle game because she use to work at mercy hospitle.

Emily Kowalski
1st grade
Mrs. Helvie

i well tak my mom to BurgerKing fur moms day.

James Goudie
1st grade
Mrs. Helvie

I will tac mi mom to K-mart on Mother's de cause because it hr favritstor.

Justin Youngblood
1st grade
Mrs. Helvie

Brianna. On Mother's Day I would take my mom to K-Mart because she loves K-mart.

Brianna Martin
1st grade
Mrs. Helvie

On mother's Day I would take my mom to glen's because she loves to go shoping I wou'd buy her flowers.

Amairis Blair
1st grade
Mrs. Helvie

I would take my Mother to the beach and to Dairy Queen and the movie theater and super 8 because she likes thos plasise.

Hayley Brown
1st grade
Mrs. Helvie

I love my mom becus My Mom is nice.

Jeff Johnson
1st grade
Ms. Barth

I will tack my mom to Darye quene I will let her have eney thing she wants.

Trinity Hatfield
1st grade
Ms. Barth

I will take my mom shopping.

me an my mom love shopping.

Emily Sajdak
1st grade
Ms. Barth

On mothr day i want to halp my mom do landy and fode the cose for her and clen the front rome for her. and i wold clen my room and i wold do her cose.

Caitlin
1st grade
Ms. Barth

I will tak you mom to dawe qwen Eli Bindschatel
1st grade
Ms. Barth

Dear mom. I want to take you mom to a hotel.

Logan Joseph
1st grade
Ms. Barth

I will take my mom to Dairy Queen. for Moms Day.

Demario Brody-Harris
1st grade
Ms. Barth

I am tacing my mom to the chineese prak.

William Wheeler
1st grade
Ms. Barth

rosis r red viiist blou yau r sou beutfl. i wel tac you th dare Quen.

Caleb Baumgardner
1st grade
Ms. Barth

I love you mom. happy mothers day

Ben Warsko
1st grade
Ms. Barth

I would take my mom to the jewlre store and bye her a necklis for mothers day.

Elliot Engbers
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hatfield

I would take my mom to Ramada in and spend the night in a motel and she can go to the masosh room the gacosey in the hot tub by her self or pick a dasition of the spay.

Jenna Shelp
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hatfield

Whare I would take my mom in grayling is the coffee shop becaus she likes coffee.

Cole Hibbard
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hatfield

Dorothy x-Ray tech helpful kind nice she's there for me she enjoys camping with me my mom likes swimming in lakes my mom loves our new puppy dog my mom is very ticklish in her armpits

Chris Frederick
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hatfield

Bobbi Helps clean's We go Place's enjoy her friend's over She Works as a housekeeper enjoys when her friends fo swim-ming she really Loves to have fun times enjoys going to her friends and talking too

Taylir Miller
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hatfield

Cindy helper mom nice organized pretty she likes to tan she likes to play tag she is fun to play with she likes to buy me some stuff she love to play with kittens and cats

Maisie Verduco
2nd Grade
Mrs. Hatfield

Dear Mom, Thanks for all the wonderful things you have done for me like She macks me safe and sound. also she macks sure I'm in the car and thats how my mom Loves me.

Denez Conley
3rd Grade
Mrs. Canfield

Happy Mothers Day I love you mom. You take very good care of me. If you love me, I will love you as much as you love me.

Derick Richardson
3rd Grade
Mrs. Canfield

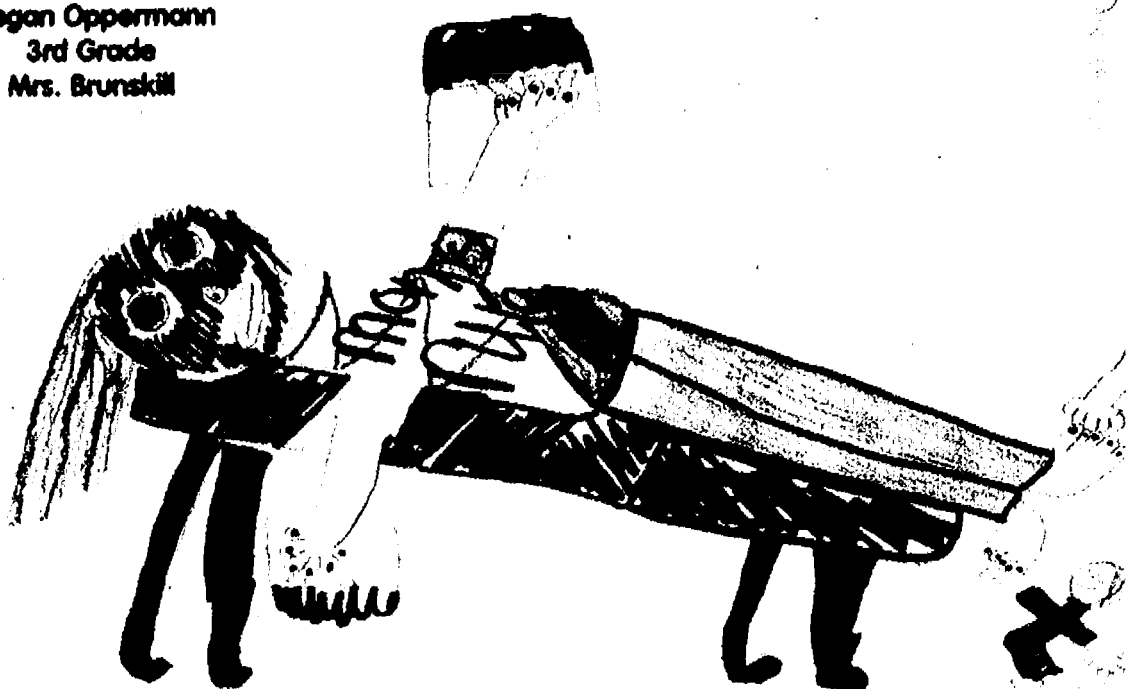
Dear Mom, Thank you for taking care of me for a long time. I love you and I KNOW you love me too.

Theresa Gardiner
3rd Grade
Mrs. Canfield

I love my mom because she cares for me forever and ever kisses I love my mom I love u mom Happy Mother's Day

Dominic Misuraca
3rd Grade
Mrs. Canfield

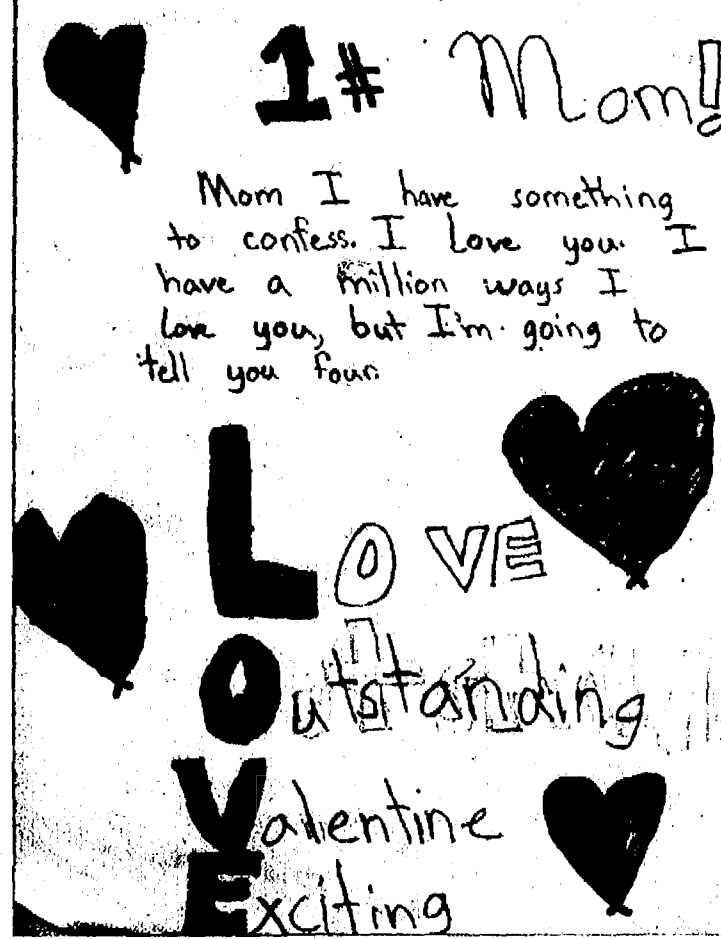
Megan Oppermann
3rd Grade
Mrs. Brunskill



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Mrs. Vergeldt

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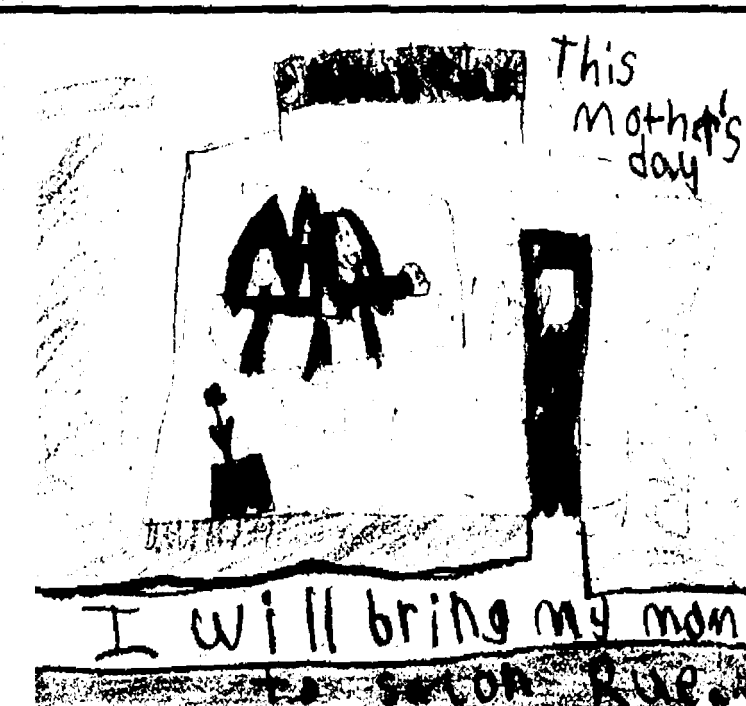
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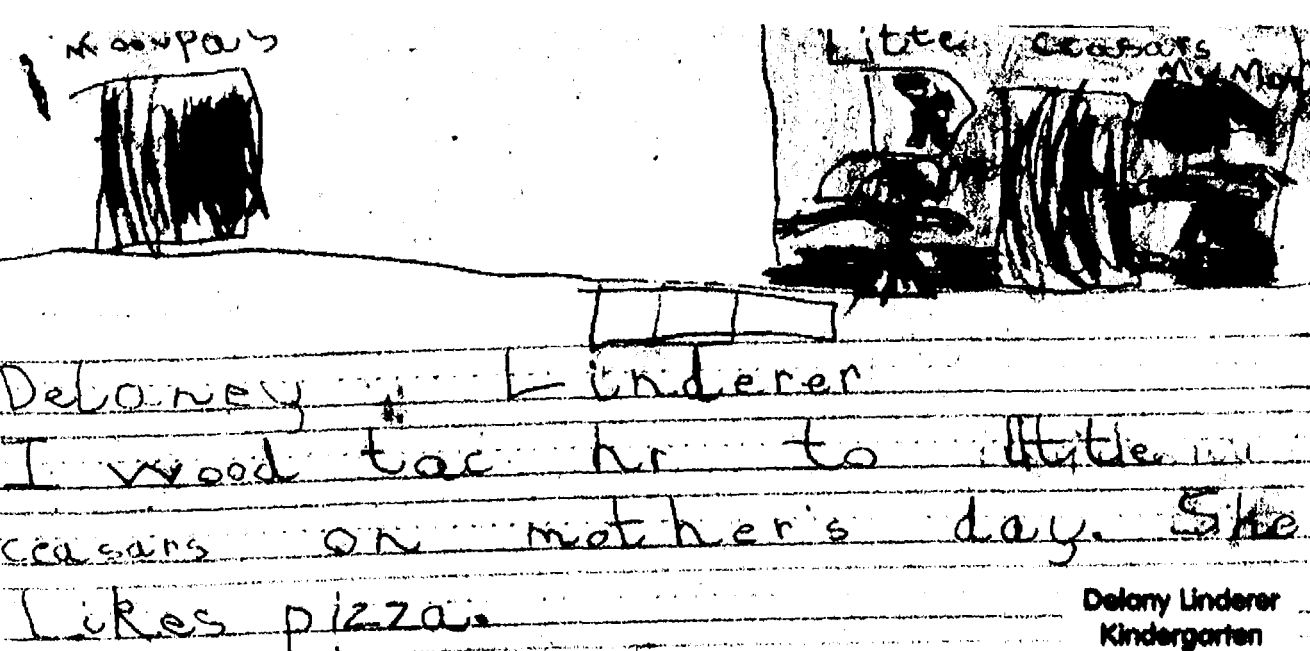
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Modeline Westfall
2nd Grade
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Jasmine Williams
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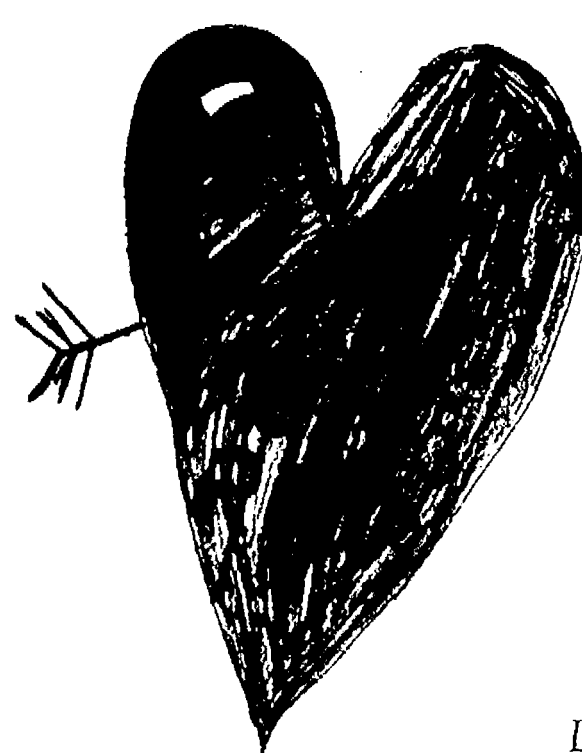
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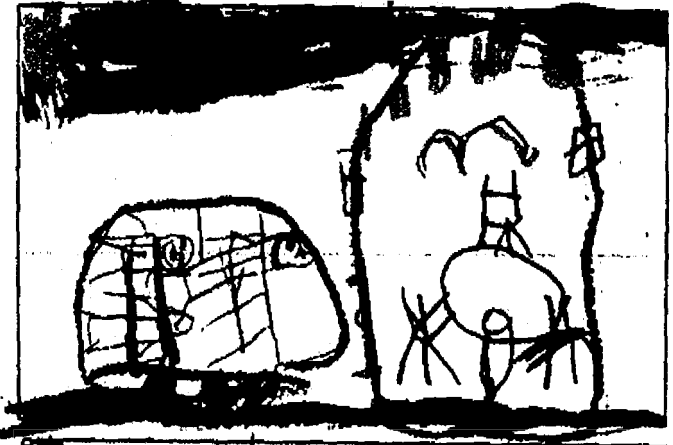


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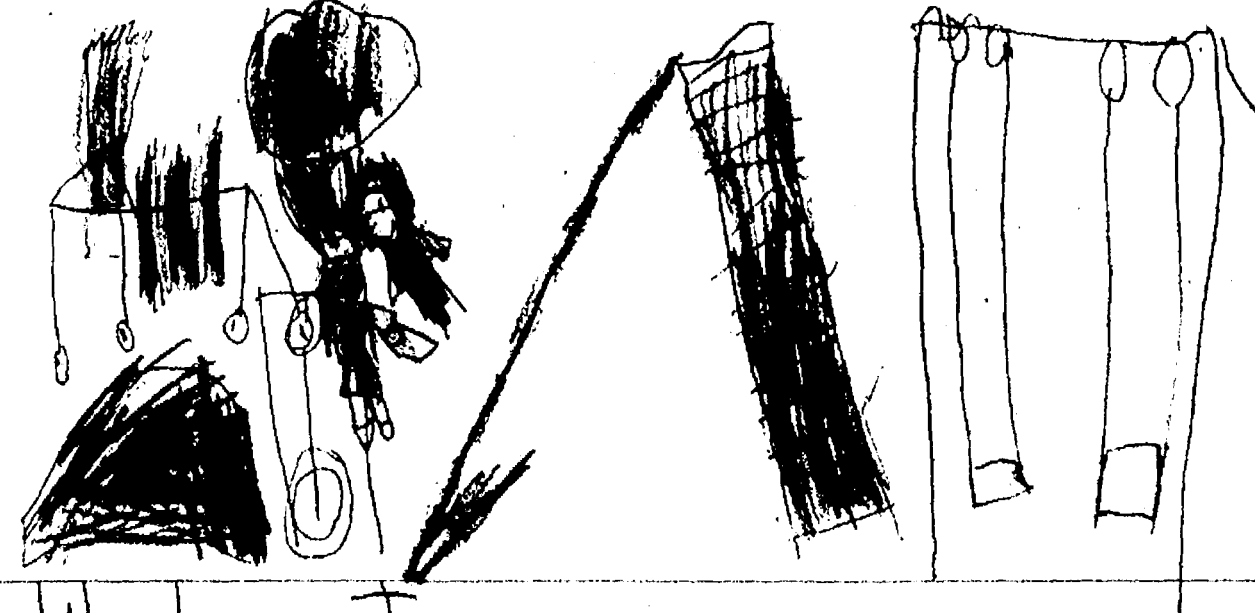
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 Mrs. DesEnfants' Class

I will play my
moms favorite
music and take my
mom to michigans.
by Des


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Liberty Jones

On mothers day I will take my
mom to the park she likes piknik.

Liberty Jones
 Kindergarten
 Ms. Brown



I Would take my mom to the
Park

Jordan
 4th Grade
 Mrs. Johnston

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I Love you MoM You'r the best!
 Jake Perry
 5th grade
 Mrs. Avery-Lee

I wil bring my mom to Higgins
 lake for muthirs day.
 Justin Bedkins
 1st grade
 Mrs. Vergeldt

I wold take her to Spikes
 Nicole Oppermann
 1st grade
 Mrs. Vergeldt

I wood tak my mom to be bech
 Cameron Sovo
 1st grade
 Mrs. Vergeldt

if I could I wold by 100 free stilse
 to got the Grayla
 Jordan Bondar
 1st grade
 Mrs. Vergeldt

I would take my mom to New
 York for a konsr.
 Ashley Vitale
 1st grade
 Mrs. Vergeldt

I wuld take my mom to the beche
 Zora Binert
 1st grade
 Mrs. Vergeldt

I Love you mom vare much.
 Randy Allison
 1st grade
 Mrs. Vergeldt

I wood tace my mom to mick-
 donols. Because some time she
 wood tace me to fmlefiteo.
 Ryan Anderson
 1st grade
 Mrs. Vergeldt

Mom on Mother's Day can we go
 for a biylriyd have a happye
 Mother's Day.
 Matthew Burch
 1st grade
 Mrs. Vergeldt

I wold take my mom to the park
 Clarissa
 1st grade
 Mrs. Vergeldt

I wud tace my mom to play at the
 park. I Love you mom
 Kayla Johnson
 1st grade
 Mrs. Vergeldt

If I had enof mony I wood tace
 my mom to Wal Mart. I love my
 Mom. And I no you love me to!
 Sarah Holcomb
 1st grade
 Mrs. Vergeldt

My mom is the color blue
 She feels like a soft, silky blanket
 that has a baby wrapped inside of
 it. She smells like red roses that
 has a butterfly that has just
 bloomed and it is waiting for you
 to pick it. She sounds like a soft
 music box that would put a baby
 to sleep. She taste like fluffy
 cotton candy that you would buy
 at a carnival or a circus.
 Sarah Pavey
 4th Grade
 Mrs. Feldhauser

Mom Recipe
 Love
 Clean
 Nice
 Strict
 Happiness
 First, put in 5 cups of love. Next,
 put in 2 tablespoons of cleanness.
 Then add a gallon of niceness.
 After that sprinkle in some strict-
 ness. Next, throw in some happi-
 ness. Then stir it with a brand
 new spoon. Put it in the oven for
 15 min. on 415 degrees. Then
 take it out and EAT!
 Bailey Miller
 4th Grade
 Mrs. Feldhauser

My mom is the color of yellow.
 She smells like fresh picked ripe
 blueberries waiting to be baked
 into a warm blueberry pie with a
 dash of cinnamon topped with
 whipped cream. She sounds like
 the wind rushing through my hair
 as I drive a speed boat across
 Lake Michigan. She feels like an
 apple that has just been dipped in
 warm chocolate topped with
 crushed peanuts. She tastes like
 an Oreo cookie being opened and
 dunked into a cold glass of milk.
 She looks like a bottle of sun-
 shine that has just been shook and
 has exploded with fun, laughter
 and beauty.
 Kaylie Camp
 4th Grade
 Mrs. Feldhauser

My mom is the color of Red. Her
 skin feels like the petals of
 daisies brushing past my legs as I
 run to meet the baby blue sky.
 She smells like roses blooming in
 the bright sun on a windy day.
 She sounds like the chorus of
 trees rustling with the early
 spring breeze. She sings like a
 choir of angels over head. She
 looks like the endless fields of
 flowers waiting to greet me with
 the early morning sun reflecting
 off the droplets of dew on the
 flower petals.
 Ben Engbers
 4th Grade
 Mrs. Feldhauser

The Best Mom Recipe
 9 cups of care
 2 cups of sugar
 1 gallon of love
 1/4 discipline
 3 tbsp. of wierdness
 1 whole cup of happiness and 1
 1/2 pound of craziness.
 First put 9 cups of care in the
 bowl, then the 1/4 of discipline.
 After you pour the 2 cups of
 sugar, dump all the other ingredi-
 ents in and stir it good. Then
 pour it into a person shaped pan
 that is shaped like your mom.
 This may take up to 1 or 2 hours
 to bake it. After it's done, take it
 out and there is the best mom in
 the world. Right there by your
 side.
 Gabi Larm
 4th Grade
 Mrs. Feldhauser

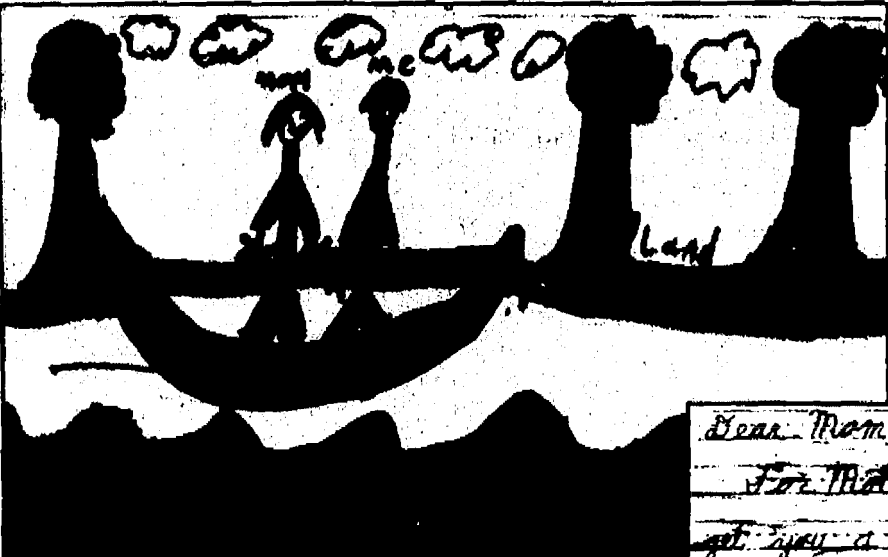
My mom is the color of bright
 yellow. She feels like a soft blan-
 ket on a cold winter's day. She
 smells like Victoria's Secret per-
 fume, especially when she puts it
 on. She tastes like a sweet candy
 of sweetness, and she is always
 sweet to her kids. She looks like
 a big heart in my life, ready to
 become bigger.
 Sally Metiva
 4th Grade
 Mrs. Feldhauser

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY I like
 to give my mom hugs, because
 she's nice to me. she takes me to
 Burger King and gets me chicken
 nugget/ french fries, and a coke;
 She leet's me pay. she take me to
 play lannd too. It has slides all
 gree, red, and blue. There are
 tunnels too. You climb through
 and climb up too we go the Dairy
 Queen for/ ice cream I love mom!
 Megan Money
 5th Grade
 Mrs. Voelker

Thank you for being there for me
 and being the best mom I could
 ever wish for Thank you!
 Hailey Whittaker
 5th Grade
 Mrs. Voelker

Most
Outstanding
MoM
 Amanda Peterson
 5th Grade
 Mrs. Voelker

Mom
Outstanding
terrific
helpful
educated
ready
 Danny Schultz
 5th Grade
 Mrs. Voelker



Montana Breiholz
 3rd Grade
 Mrs. Banda

Dear Mom,
For Mother's Day I will
gt. you a gift. Mom: Can we
go canoeing together some time?
You're the best mom in the
world. You are so cool. I think
of something that the whole family
can do. Love, Montana

I would take my mom canoeing at Penrod's

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Dear Mom,
I love you because
you're mostly nice and barely
mean. I like how you help with
homework. I want ot get you a
car for Christmas. You are a
very nice mom. I love you.
Love, Zach

Zach Layte
 3rd Grade
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